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## LLOYD GEORGE ON THE COAL BILL

"INCREDIBLY BAD" AND "FULL  
OF 'VICIOUS PROVISIONS'"

TORY REJECTION LOST

London, Yesterday.  
The debate on the second reading of the Coal Mining Bill was resumed to-day, when Mr. Lloyd George described the Bill as "incredibly bad," and said he did not believe it through in anything like its present shape, and hinted that if Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made concessions to the Liberals the latter would not interfere with the second reading, but would reserve the complete freedom to deal with the "vicious provisions" in committee.

Later.  
The Commons passed the second reading of the Coal Mines Bill after defeating the Conservative amendment for rejection by 281 votes to 273.

### The House Excited

The majority which rejected the Conservative amendment to the Coal Bill consisted of 270 Labour members and two Liberals. The minority consisted of 228 Conservatives, four Independents, and 41 Liberals, including Mr. Lloyd George. Five Liberals abstained and 20 members paired. A state of great excitement reigned in the Commons throughout the evening before the division. It was known that voting would be very close, but the actual result was in doubt until tellers handed in the figures. The Bill was subsequently committed to a committee of the whole House. Negotiations will now be resumed between the Government and the various interests and parties, with a view to an exhaustive examination in detail.

### Position Must Be Faced

London, Yesterday.  
The debate on the Coal Mining Bill was wound up by Mr. MacDonald, who reminded the House that the existing legislation terminated in 1931, and the position must be faced. There would be no solution to the coal problem until the problem of price was faced. There had been very extravagant internal competition, and the Government was trying to stop this. Coal was thus sold at levels which did not permit a recent organisation of the industry itself, or the payment of decent wages to the mines and did not permit profits on the industry. Royalties must be nationalised without delay. The Bill was pre-eminently one for committee discussion.—Reuter.

### Rugby, Yesterday.

The House of Commons resumed the debate on the second reading of the Coal Mines Bill, which had been adjourned from Tuesday.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister on Tuesday moved an amendment for rejection of the measure, while Sir Herbert Samuel the Liberal Spokesman, adversely criticised its provisions for a marketing scheme. He put certain questions to the Government, which were answered by Mr. Ben Turner, Minister for Mines.

When the debate continued to-day Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, made an eagerly awaited speech. He declared that the Bill contained the worst features of socialism and individualism without the redeeming features of either. The two provisions of the Bill of which he approved were those relating to the reduction of hours and the establishment of a National Wages Board. Nine tenths of the Bill was a fixation of prices and a limitation of output. He contended that there were two ways of meeting the deficit on the working of the coal mines. One was the crude method of putting up the prices. The other was the method of reorganising the industry so as to save in production and distribution. The latter was the method that would benefit miners and mine-owners and the country as a whole. The Government had chosen the crude, burdensome method, easy but pernicious, of merely putting up the prices. The alternative to putting up the prices was the grouping of the mines in such a way as to have the costs of production and distribution. He now called the attention of the House to the fact that the Government would not discuss the Bill in committee.

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## CANTONESE OCCUPY WUCHOW

NO FURTHER DANGER TO  
FOREIGNERS

"REBELS" RETREATING

Wuchow, the port of Kwangsi, is once more in the hands of the Cantonese loyalists for an overnight wireless message says:—  
"The city is now occupied by Canton forces. The situation is quiet and no further danger to foreign residents is expected."

Which probably marks the end of another lap in the war between Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The rebellious troops are retreating into the interior, to bide their time. The Cantonese are unlikely to venture further in pursuit.

Until another opportunity arises, the Kwangsi rebels will not attempt to threaten Kwangtung. The same applies to their allies, the Ironsides. So that the South of China is once more under the authority of the National Government.

Bad staff work was primarily responsible for the failure of this movement in the South to overthrow Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. And the chances of rebels in the North succeeding have diminished.

While the Ironsides attacked the Cantonese defence line, the Kwangsi-ites marked time. When the Ironsides retired, the Kwangsi-ites opened out in an offensive. When both arms were defeated, the leaders met. The Ironsides favoured another trial by combat and the Kwangsi-ites advocated running away to fight another day.

Meanwhile the Leftist politicians who gathered in Hong Kong, ready to return to the head of affairs in China, the moment Chiang Kai-shek was overcome, were sadly out of touch. These Leftists have now gone on to Tientsin in order to stir up the wavering Northern rebels against the National Government.

## WHAT THE CIVIL WAR HAS COST CANTON

MEASURES TO COLLECT TAXES  
& ISSUE SHORT-TERM BONDS

BURDENS ON THE PEOPLE

Canton, Yesterday.  
Interviewed by Pressmen, Mr. Fan Ki-mo, the Commissioner of Finance, said that the estimated amount of collection of \$5,500,000 for December has fallen short of expectation, owing to the occupation by the enemy of the West River and North districts. But, on the other hand, the military expenses for this month have amounted to \$4,200,000. To meet, therefore, the current expenditure, recourse would have to be taken to collect advance taxes and issue short-term bonds.

### Ravages of War

Questioned as to what measures he would take to alleviate the present financial difficulties, Mr. Fan replied that, while it would increase the receipts by simply resorting to an increase of the taxes and changing the revenue system, it also means augmenting the burdens of the people, who have already suffered enough on account of the ravages of war. He was averse to increasing any more taxes, but he hoped that with the cessation of war, an event which he anticipated very soon, as settled by the Central Government, namely, \$2,500,000 a month; that reduction was the only solution to the financial problems of the province.

### Military Bonds Issued

Owing to the war, the provincial revenue cannot meet the payments of the Administration. The Department of Finance has proposed to issue the bonds.

The above proposal has been passed by the 40th meeting of the Provincial Council, and the Department of Finance is instructed to issue the bonds.

## REBEL LEADER AT END OF HIS TETHER

NEARLY ALL HIS TROOPS LOST  
AND NO AMMUNITION

GOVERNMENT VICTORIOUS

Canton, Yesterday.  
The vanguards of the 62nd Division under General Heung Hong-ping are reported to have arrived at Shek-kan in the neighbourhood of Kwangtung, where the Ironsides are said to be present and number less than 2,000 strong.

Chang Fa-kuei is believed to be at Kwangning. There is no confirmation to the report that he has committed suicide, but it is known that he has only a few hundred of the men that he led in the assault on Canton ten days ago; the rest of his troops have been either wounded or killed or captured. The troops he has at Kwangning are the reserves whom he held behind and who did not participate in the recent fighting; they are said to be indifferently armed and poorly supplied with ammunition.

It is not anticipated that the Ironsides will stay to fight, but that they will retire to Waichap on the Kwangsi border, to effect a junction with the Kwangsi rebels.

To Attack the Rear  
General Lung Yun, the Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, and concurrently the C-in-C. of the 10th Army Route, acting under the instruction of the Central Government, has sent two divisions to attack the rear of the Kwangsi rebels. According to a despatch on hand, the Yunnan troops have occupied Ching-chuen and Pa-shen on the Kwangsi, without encountering any enemy; they are now pushing towards Nanning, the capital of the province, as their objective. General Liu Woon-yim, one of the Kwangsi leaders, seeing this turn of events, is said to have fled.

North River Sector  
The Advance H.Q. of the 6th Army Route moved on December 17 from Kwang-in to Yuan-tan. The 50th Division under General Tan Tao-yuan have advanced from Lin-shan to Yang-shan, driving the rebel remnants before them.

Wuchow may be Occupied  
The Canton and Central gunboats who took Fong-chuen yesterday a town on the border of Kwangtung, are expected to occupy Wuchow within this week. The planes are now co-operating with the navy.—Canton News Agency.

### COFFIN BILL STARTS FIGHT

A dispute over a coffin bill, brought two Chinese before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, charged with disorderly conduct.

It was stated that the Chinese had a fist fight in Reclamation Street, where a crowd of about fifty collected.

They were both bound over to keep the peace.

Another fight involved two Chinese who had a quarrel in Nathan Road over the return of fifty cents.

The Magistrate cautioned both, and ordered the debtor to pay up his 50 cents.

### NO PROSECUTION

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
Owing to the lack of incriminating evidence the judicial authorities, after a close examination, have decided not to prosecute Ichita Kobashi, who resigned from the Cabinet on November 29.—Reuter.

posed to issue Provisional Military Bonds of \$4,000,000, of which one half are to be distributed among the Chambers of Commerce in Canton, Swatow, Kongmoon and Fatsan and the other half, among the various districts, the bureau of public safety and other organizations.

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## ALLEGED NEGLIGENT DRIVING

PRISON SUPERINTENDENT'S  
COMPLAINT

INSPECTION OF A BEND

Mr. E. F. R. Sample was to-day summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, by Traffic Sergeant McInnis, for negligent driving by passing another car at a bend on Stubbs Road on December 11.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for Mr. Sample and required particulars of the offence.

Mr. J. W. Franks, on whose complaint the summons was taken out, was asked by the Magistrate to supply the particulars. He said that at about 8 p.m. on December 11 he drove up to the Peak in the company of Mr. Clark and Mr. Harris, of the P. & O. They were in Mr. Clark's "Erskine" saloon car.

When about half way up, just before reaching a blind bend on the road, the "Erskine" passed an "Austin 7" which had motored them to do so. Then, right on the bend, Mr. Sample's car, with-

out any warning, suddenly shot past the "Erskine." Apparently Mr. Sample's headlights were not on as otherwise Mr. Franks and his party would have noticed their beam on the road before the car got abreast.

Mr. Franks added that Mr. Sample's speed at the time of passing was about 30 miles per hour, and there was not more than a foot of space between the two cars. It was the most dangerous and reckless piece of driving that Mr. Franks had ever seen, so he reported it to the Traffic Department at Police Headquarters the following morning.

Mr. Hodgson told the Magistrate that Mr. Sample did not deny passing the car Mr. Franks was in, but he certainly denied passing it in the way Mr. Franks had said, at a bend and at that speed.

Visit of Inspection  
Mr. Hamilton said that before proceeding with the case it would be more satisfactory if he saw the bend in question and accordingly adjourned the hearing of the case until 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Magistrate: Will it be convenient for you to drive me up to the Peak this evening, Mr. Franks?

Mr. Franks: At the Government's expense? I have no car. (Laughter.)

Mr. Sample was unable to go up at 5 p.m. to-day as he has another engagement, so finally Mr. Hamilton made an appointment to go together with Mr. Franks and Mr. Sample at 5 p.m. on Monday, remarking that he would get a car.

## EUROPEAN LADY AND CAR SUMMONS

FINED FOR NOT PRODUCING  
LICENCE

"THIS PASSING BUSINESS"

Mrs. Robertson, whose address is given as Repulse Bay Hotel, was summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton for the traffic offences (1) passing moving vehicles in a control area at Aberdeen at 4.30 p.m. on December 12; and (2) failing to produce her driver's licence when required to do so. She admitted both of the offences.

Traffic Sergeant George told the Magistrate that Mrs. Robertson passed two vehicles—a motor lorry and an Aberdeen bus; but her speed was moderate, between 15 and 20 miles per hour.

## BRITISH PLANE'S CRASH IN TUNIS

TECHNICAL ADVISER SENT OUT  
TO HELP ENQUIRY

FRENCH FLIERS MISSING

London, Yesterday.  
Questioned in the House of Commons regarding the Air Force calamity, Mr. F. Montague stated that the machine crashed on the hills 30 miles south of Tunis, in cloudy, stormy weather. The Consul-General proceeded to the scene at dawn to-day to obtain the fullest information, and bring the bodies of the officers to the Military Hospital, Tunis. The Air Ministry has already despatched a technical adviser to Tunis to facilitate expert enquiry on the spot. Meanwhile, no cause could be assigned to the accident. Responsible French authorities have given the greatest possible assistance. (Cheers.)

### Le Brix and Rossi

Paris, Yesterday.  
A message from Agfa states that Le Brix and Rossi were forced to land at Agfa in bad weather. They are continuing the flight tomorrow.

[An early cable said: The French airmen, Le Brix and Rossi, have reached India and are flying to Allahabad.]

### France Anxious

Paris, Later.  
Anxiety is felt for the whereabouts of the French airmen La Salle, Rebart, and Falot, flying to Paris from Saigon. No news has been received since they left Tunis on December 15 for Benghazi. Official enquiries in Libyan and Egyptian territory were fruitless. The British Government has been asked to search the neighbourhood of Malta in view of the possibility that the airmen attempted to cross the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

### The King's Sympathy

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The King has sent the following message to Lord Thomson, Secretary for Air: "It is with much regret I learned of the disaster to the monoplane near Tunis, resulting in the death of the two pilots, Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, and I join the Royal Air Force in mourning both of the two distinguished and gallant officers. Please convey to their families my sincere sympathy."

Mr. F. Montague, Under-Secretary for Air, stated he was not yet in a position to add materially to the information already published about the most regrettable disaster on the long distance flight to Cape town. Reports so far received from the British Consul-General at Tunis merely stated that the machine crashed in the hills some 30 miles south of Tunis, the weather at the time being both cloudy and stormy, and Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins were both killed. A military guard had been placed over the machine and the Consul-General left at dawn this morning for the scene of the accident, with a view to obtaining the fullest possible information and bringing the bodies to the military hospital at Tunis.

### Loss Deplored

The Air Ministry had already despatched a technical adviser to Tunis in order that the fullest expert inquiry practicable might be made on the spot. Pending the receipt of a report by the technical adviser, no cause could be assigned for the accident. Mr. Montague added that responsible French authorities had given the greatest possible assistance. He was sure that the whole House would join with him in deploring the loss of lives of these two gallant officers of such outstanding promise, and in conveying to their relatives an expression of the most profound sympathy of the House.

It is stated at the Air Ministry that while a representative of the Ministry has already left for Tunis to investigate the cause of the disaster, it is not likely that the formal service of a court of inquiry will be held in view of the special circumstances in which the disaster occurred. In regard to the removal of the machine and the engine, no details are available.

## SOVIET ATTACKS ON CHINA

TERRORIZING CHINESE BY  
POLICY OF FORCE

BRITISH WOMEN RETURN

Nanking, Yesterday.  
Authoritative reports from Shanghai state that, in spite of the progress of the Sino-Soviet negotiations, Soviet troops have failed to desist from attacking Chinese cities, and advancing further into Chinese territory. In view of the Chinese readiness to negotiate, the Soviets lead one to believe that their policy of force has succeeded in bringing the controversy to an end in their favour. They are utilising bandits of Chinese, Japanese, Korea or Mongolian origin to raid, plunder, and terrorise Chinese along the Chinese Eastern Railway and the east of Kihun in North Mongolia. The Soviets believe that such tactics will bring favourable terms from the Chinese.—Canton News Agency.

### Situation Improved

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Reports from Nanking state that the local situation is steadily improving and confidence is restored. The British Consul-General is authorizing the return of British women to the town on Saturday.—British Wireless Service.

### Terms of Agreement

Peking, Yesterday.  
It is reported from Harbin that Teal Yun-sheng and Simanovsky at Harbin have reached an agreement, of which the following are the principal terms:—  
First, a formal conference must be called within a month, in accordance with the terms of the 1924 Moscow-Mukden Agreement. The conference must complete the work within six months.

Second, the status quo ante must be restored, after which the railway must be operated as a joint commercial enterprise.

Third, neither party may take action inimical to the other.

Fourth, prisoners on both sides will be unconditionally released.

Fifth, Mukden, agrees to abstain from oppression of Soviet citizens and institutions.

Sixth, Consulates and Trade Commissions will be re-established on both sides.

Seventh, a joint commission will be appointed to assess damages suffered by both sides during the dispute.—Reuter.

## PLOT TO SMUGGLE ARMS TO CHINA

OFFICERS ACQUITTED IN CASE  
AT KIEL

A SECRET TRIAL

Berlin, Yesterday.  
Six of the alleged munition smugglers at Kiel have been acquitted, with costs against the State. Throughout the trial, both Press and public were excluded and not allowed to hear the reasons for the judgment.—Reuter.

Four merchants and two ex-officers were tried in camera at Kiel on a charge of attempting to smuggle 8,000,000 rounds of ammunition into China in violation of the law prohibiting the export of war material. The cases of ammunition, which came from the old Reichswehr stores, which were to be scrapped, were placed aboard a steamer at Kiel, marked "machinery." The plot was discovered owing to the case breaking and revealing its contents.

reported their position by wireless at four o'clock, when they were 60 miles off Sardinia, and should have sent out another message four hours later. They crashed before four hours had elapsed, but, meanwhile, had covered some 400 miles. Darkness would have fallen before eight o'clock, and all circumstances point to the machine getting off its course in the storm that was raging and crashing into the mountains without the pilots being able to see the high ground in front of them.—British Wireless Service.

### Papers Examined

Tunis, Yesterday.  
An examination of the papers in the pockets of the dead pilots confirmed that the plane was wrecked on a mountain near the village of Sainte Marie, north of Zaghouan.

The accident was, doubtless due to a storm, and the fact that the fliers when they attempted to land were unable, in the darkness, to see the roughness of the locality. The first news of the tragedy was brought by a native horseman, who chanced to pass the scene of the disaster, and who immediately notified the Civil Controller of the district, but owing to the rough and unimproved character of the locality the plane was only found later on in the afternoon.

## NAVAL CONFERENCE EXCITES FRANCE

"MR. SNOWDEN TAUGHT US  
HOW TO SAY NO"

OPENING BY THE KING

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Premier announced in the House of Commons that the King will open the first public plenary meeting of the Five-Power Naval Conference, which will be held on January 21 in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. His Majesty will deliver the opening address.

The second plenary meeting of the Conference, and all subsequent meetings, will be held at St. James's Palace, which the King has placed at the disposal of the Government for the duration of the Conference. All questions relating to subsequent proceedings of the conference and the holding of further public meetings will be left for discussion by the conference itself.—British Wireless Service.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives has approved the Bill authorizing an expenditure of \$7,500,000 for the construction of naval bases on the east and west coasts, and a canal zone at Hawaii.—Reuter's American Service.

Paris, Yesterday.  
"We shall go to London in the spirit of fairplay. We shall lay down our figures on the table, but London is only a stage on the route to Geneva," declared M. Dumesnil, rapporteur to the Ministry of Marines' Budget in the course of a Chamber debate on the Ministry's estimates. M. Dumesnil proclaimed France's sovereign right to be the sole judge of what was necessary for her security, and declared that the principle of the abolition of submarines was unacceptable. M. Leygues here interrupted and expressed agreement. (Loud Cheers) when M. Dumesnil added, "It will be useful for Parliament to manifest its determination on this point."

M. Dumesnil declared "We must adopt the same policy in London as at Geneva. Sea, land and air armaments are independent, and France has a right to say 'No.' Mr. Snowden taught us how to say it in English."—Reuter.

### Japan's Attitude

New York, Yesterday.  
Mr. R. Wakatsuki has announced that Japan is prepared to support the proposal for a complete holiday on capital ships until 1936. The American and Japanese conferences have now concluded.

Mr. H. L. Stimson stated that "an agreement into the objective of both countries has been reached."

### Official Circles

Americans and Japanese only discussed the broad outlines of the respective positions and all questions of figures and details left will be thrashed out in London.

### Making Trouble

Washington, Yesterday.  
The peaceful atmosphere surrounding the visit of the Japanese delegation to the London conference has been shattered by a controversy that has suddenly arisen as the result of an outspoken leading article in the Washington Post which Mr. Stimson has formally described as a "deliberate attempt to make trouble among the American delegates at the London conference and members and Presidents of the Cabinet to discredit the United States Government before the Japanese delegation and thus try to cause a breakdown of the London conference."

The leading article said:—  
"It is needless to say that Americans regard with some uneasiness the proposition that the size and relative strength of the United States Navy should be determined by a political bargain with the other Powers, and expert naval counsel be minimized, if not disregarded entirely. The public would participate in the conference, which may shape the future of the Navy. When Mr. Stimson and Mr. Dwight Morrow enter into an exchange of naval views with such an expert as Admiral Takarabe, it is not to be expected that the Americans could hold their own."

Mr. Adams, Secretary of the Navy, formally denied what is referred to as an implication by the Washington Post that his absence from certain conferences with the Japanese delegation was the result of "some design aimed at the Navy and against" his "wishes." Reuter's American Service.



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

that the general level of nations would be sufficiently advanced for the next hundred years to dispense entirely with a metallic standard. As the nations had inevitably to live with a gold standard, wayward and intractable, the least we could do was to make friends with it and understand it and make it amenable. We certainly seemed likely to find it rather a bad master, and our task was to make it a good servant.

### Four Lines of Approach

There were four main points of entry into the heart of the gold problem. Each had its peculiar difficulties, and it was impossible to say along which line success would be

most valuable. They were (1) control of volume at the source, (2) distribution of volume to the maximum advantage, and (3) best use of a given volume to meet widely different possible needs; (4) automatic

means of bringing in aid and auxiliary standards, when the value of gold should pass critical points. Upon the first point it was clear that if an international corporation, in which we were all interested, had

owned or controlled the gold mines as sources of supply, and could have produced much or little apart from purely commercial considerations, as the problem of stability required we should have had a very different

situation from the present. It was true that as gold appreciated or depreciated in value, under present conditions, the natural tendency to mine more or less had set in, but it was slow and remote in operation in comparison with direct control.

**Central Corporation's Importance**  
Under the second, the uneconomic and unco-ordinated way in which gold reserves were now distributed made the total volume of gold avail-

able for the purpose even more fortuitous than the total production. The existence of a really effective central corporation of an international character such as an international central bank was vital to this project.

Under the third, while the credit systems of different countries had to meet such different needs, it would not be possible to have the various formulae and ratios governing the

use of credit made really uniform. But the standards made by an international clearing house of ideas and experience would do much to make the practice advantageous in one country available to others, and to encourage bold and safe experiments.

In the fourth case, if in spite of all efforts the ratio of gold plus its super-imposed credit to production should be so seriously changed as to

upset all long period contracts, then silver, platinum, or other auxiliaries to an automatic commodity base could only be brought in by international co-operation.

The great gain in the last five

years was that the practical character of the problem was now being recognised and the immediate dangers to civilisation from its non-solution were being appreciated.

## ACROSS ATLANTIC

### Proposed Telephone

### Cable

In his presidential address to the Institution of Electrical Engineers, which he delivered on October 24,

Colonel Sir Thomas Purves gave some information regarding the submarine telephone cable which it is proposed to lay between Great Britain and the United States.

settled in detail, but it is probable that the main trans-Atlantic link will extend directly from Newfoundland to Ireland, a cable length of approximately 1,800 nautical miles. From Ireland, the circuit will probably be

carried through submarine cable to Scotland and thence by land cable to London, where it will terminate. It is expected that, from Newfoundland, the circuit will be carried through several sections of submarine cable

to Nova Scotia, and thence by land circuits through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the New England States to New York City, which will be the other terminal.

As an illustration of the fact that

the dimensions of the earth's surface now set no bounds to the range of telephony, Sir Thomas also mentioned a long-distance test conversation which was carried out last year in connection with the opening of com-

munication between Sweden and America by means of the Anglo-American radio-telephone channels of the Post Office. The chain of lines set up and spoken over on that occasion ran from Stockholm, via Ber-

lin and Amsterdam, to London, and thence to New York by radio. From New York it was extended, stage by stage, via Chicago and San Francisco, to Los Angeles, and back by another channel to New York, then on to Chicago and back again.

once more to Chicago and back again to New York, with a final extension to the residence of one of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's officials in New Jersey, from which a fair grade of conversation was exchanged with Stockholm.

The total length of the route traversed was about 14,000 miles, of which 4,180 miles was open wire line, 6,800 miles underground cable, 200 miles submarine cable, and 8,260 miles the radio link. The approximate length of

copper conductor used on both sides of the Atlantic to carry this record long-line conversation would be about 40,000 miles.

The land-line equipment comprised 117 four-wire repeaters, 19 two-wire

repeaters, 24 carrier-channel repeaters, and 6 cord-circuit repeaters. In addition to 8 voice suppressors and numerous other special devices. The total amplification of power also included that effected in the two radio

transmitting stations, each of which

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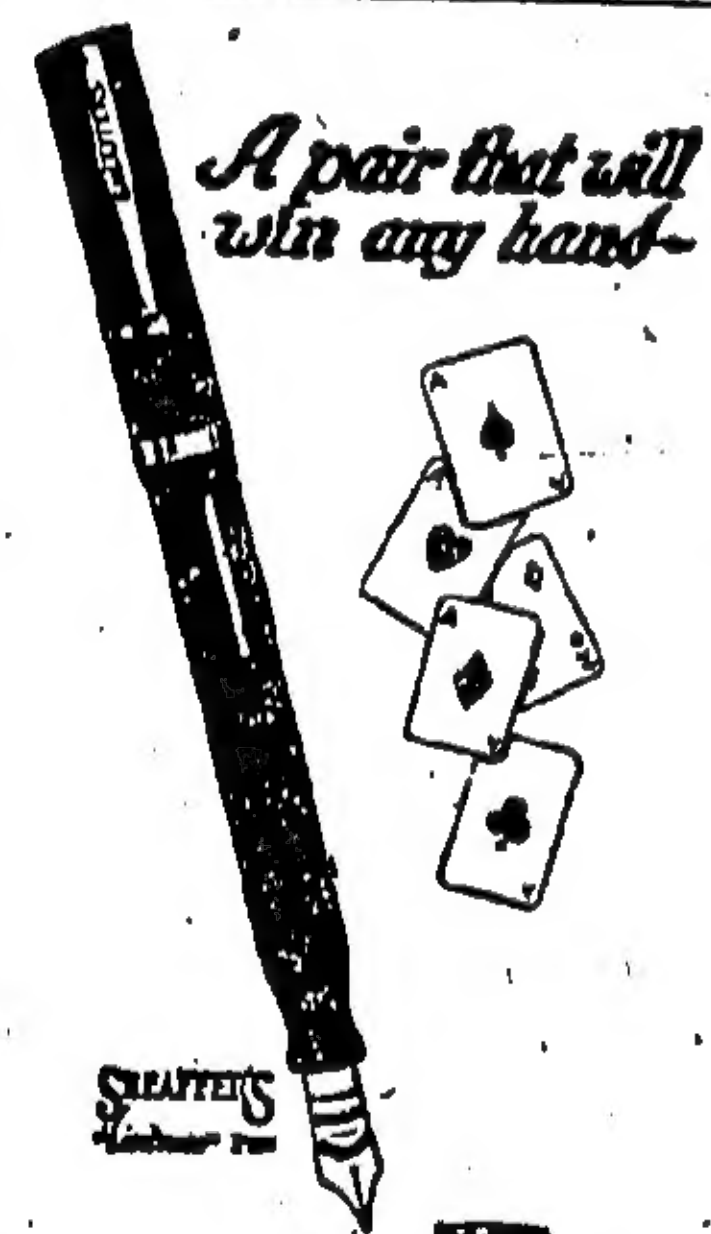
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Nanking, Tuesday.  
That Americans who are versed with the situation in China have no confidence in the report recently submitted by the American Red Cross Commission on the famine conditions in China, is indicated by a letter addressed to Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, by Mr. Walter F. Hayward of Albany, N.Y. Enclosed in his letter, Mr. Hayward sent a cheque as his contribution towards the Famine Relief Fund, stating that he preferred to send directly instead of contributing through the Federal Council of Churches of America. The text of Mr. Hayward's letter reads as follows:—

"The recent decision of the American Red Cross not to help those suffering from famine in China moves me to address you. I kept a 'Shame' Day when I heard of it, and my protest is a small cheque herewith. I do not care to contribute through the Federal Council of Churches.

What China Needs  
"May be the newspaper reports are overdone, but certainly young China needs all the sympathy and help that anyone can express. 'The woes that afflict your country, which afforded me so much hospitality and understanding when I was privileged to work in your midst in the Wuhan Area and at Ichang, disturb me greatly. I pray that before more chaos sets in, China may see her true destiny and follow it as a united people, and preserve to all the families of the earth, those sound traditions which would enrich us all."  
(Signed) Walter F. Hayward."  
—Canton News Agency.

**CUBAN MINISTER****Lays Wreath On Dr.  
Sun's Mausoleum**

Nanking, Yesterday.  
The New Cuban Minister was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Foreign Minister last night. Ministers Sun Fo, Chiang Mon-lin and Wei Tao-min were present. The Cuban Minister laid a wreath on Dr. Sun's mausoleum at 10.30, this morning, accompanied by representatives of the National Government and Waichiao-pu. He will leave for Shanghai on Dec. 18.

Minister to China  
The new Chinese Minister to Cuba, Dr. Lin Pin, left with Vice-Consul Mei and under attaché Wang last night for Shanghai, and will sail for his post on Dec. 20 on the "President Lincoln." Minister Wang's daughter is leaving on the same boat for the States.—Canton News Agency.

**JAIL FOR ROBBERS****Last Case At Criminal  
Sessions**

The last case before the Criminal Sessions for this month was concluded yesterday before His Honour the Police Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) and a jury, when sentence of two years' hard labour was passed upon Ip To-tek for committing a robbery at No. 60, Jardine's Bazaar on the morning of November 8.

Another man, Lo Jauk, who was a sub-tenant in the house and who was indicted on a complicity charge, in that he had opened the door of the house to the robbers, was sentenced to one year's hard labour. In his case, the jury recommended the prisoner for mercy and in sentencing him to one year's jail, His Honour said that he had taken the jury's recommendation into consideration.

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**WAR ON KWANGSI  
TROOPS****CANTON'S PLAN OF  
CAMPAIGN****PRISONERS AND ARMS**

Canton, Dec. 18.  
After the decisive battles with the Ironsides on the North and East River, the northern troops under the command of General Chu Shao-liang have been ordered to drive the Ironsides remnants out of Kwangtung.

General Chan Chai-tong, accompanied by General Chiang Kwong-nei, Mr. Wong Yum-wan, the chief of Staff, and the other staff members attached to the C.I.C. H.Q., left Canton on December 16 for the West River front, personally to direct operations against the Kwangsi insurgents. The two divisions under Generals Choi and Chiang have been ordered to push up along the West River and those under General Yu Hon-mou and Heung, Hong-ping to attack the enemy who are scattered round Sze-wui and Kwongning.

General Chan Chai-tong and Admiral Chan Chak proceeded from Samahui on December 17 to Shui-hing. To facilitate the direction of the armies, the advance H.Q. of the 8th Army Route is being removed to Shui-hing to-day.

Magistrates Flee  
The magistrates appointed by the Kwangsi rebels in the various districts on the West River had fled, while the Government magistrates are duly instructed to resume their duties instantly.

A regiment of Kwangsi Insurgents was surrounded and disarmed on December 15, at Kingkow, within the jurisdiction of Sze-wui, by General Heung of the 62nd Division. The prisoners and rifles numbering 1,000 were sent to the Canton H.Q. for disposal. The Sze-wui city was recaptured yesterday by General Heung who put to rout the entire division under General Hsu Chung-wu of the Kwangsi clique, according to a military report.

Severe Engagement  
General Choi Ting-kai of the 60th Division captured on December 16 at Kwongli 3 cannon, 4 machine-guns and several hundred rifles from the enemy after a severe engagement, which lasted for one hour.

The troops under the Kwangsi General Liang Chao-chi retreated from Kwangtung to Wai-tsap via Ngau-tai, while the Kwangsi troops on the West River have evacuated Tai-tong, Shek-kok, Lu-pau, Kwong-li and Hau-lik and appear to move back to Wuchow.

Present Position  
The Canton gunboats reached Takling last night, and the air forces will fly to the front to bomb the enemy to-day.

The 3rd and 8th Divisions under General Shu Shao-liang are now stationed at Pa-kong.

The present military prospects, according to official circles, point to the expulsion of the enemy from Kwangtung within the week.—Canton News Agency.

**LOYAL TO NANKING****Troops Under Ship  
Yu-san**

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
At the Weekly Memorial Service on December 16, General Chan Tiao-yuan made the following statement:—

1. The troops under General Shih Yu-san are willing to abide by the instructions of the Central Government to be dealt with accordingly.

2. The communications with Nanking on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway will very soon be re-opened. The passenger traffic between Peking and Tai-nan was resumed on December 15.

3. The forces of the 8th and 10th Divisions under the direct control of Shantung Province, numbering over 30,000 strong, fully equipped, are loyal to the Central Government to the end and are maintaining the peace and order of that province.—Canton News Agency.



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You will be doing a little towards making everybody at Home aware of developments out here. It is known that recipients of news items have passed the same along to their respective M.P.'s, thereby furnishing the substance of questions to Ministers. Who knows but that your folks on getting hold of reliable information may communicate with the "Local" Member? And, by sending the matter, you may be the direct cause of some useful queries.

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BURMA MARU	Saturday, 4th January.
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 26th Dec., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
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##### "LITTLE JIMMY'S" DEATH

How pale and feeble are the efforts of the most imaginative romancers beside the grim, stark records of the Court! Especially is this so in tales of the sea. The British race has produced a school of sea-novelists which is paralleled in no other country, but not one of them can give us tales of terror comparable with actual happenings on the high seas.

Our grandfathers remember the sensation caused by the trial of the mutineers at the Old Bailey in February, 1864. London talked of nothing else, and the court was crowded with society people anxious to feast their eyes on the bloodthirsty wretches responsible for so many atrocities.

There was no Englishman among the "Flower Land" pirates. The crew were a mixed lot of Chinese, half-breeds from Manila, a Turk, a Greek and others of various nations. It is said that John Smith, the captain, one of the first victims, was a brute and a bully, and that the food was bad; but one of the chief causes of the mutiny was the idea among the crew (totally unfounded) that there was a vast treasure hidden in the captain's cabin.

Doomed Smith had his misgivings before the voyage began. "I can trust the ship," he told his brother who was sailing as a passenger, "but such a crew as they have given me will want watching night and day." The mutineers, eight of them, stabbed and beat to death the captain, his brother, and the first mate, and then they turned on the passengers.

The attack was made at three o'clock one fine night, when there was a quiet sea and a fair breeze. For various reasons the murderers spared the loyal minority, including Taffir, the second mate, whose expert knowledge they needed to navigate the ship might be navigated. They also refrained from killing "Little Jimmy" Early, the ship's boy, whose evidence at the Old-Bailey subsequently made him the hero of the day.

The others never knew from one moment to another when they might be shot. The captain and the first mate. For three weeks the ghastly voyage continued—three weeks of perpetual terror for the honest men—till the coast of Brazil was sighted. It would take too long to tell how the mutineers then planned to scuttle the ship and leave the honest men to drown, and how the latter escaped, and subsequently laid information with the Brazilian authorities, whereby the murderers were arrested and extradited to England.

"On the scaffold they showed themselves cowardly as well as murderers," says the author. "Those were the days when the public were permitted to view a hanging, and when the first of the prisoners—Duranne—stepped on the platform he was greeted with such a howl of execration from the mob that he fled back half-fainting. A newspaper of the day assures us, however, that the hangman—one Calcraft—carried out the execution through without a hitch."

The story of the man who actually survived walking the plank is full of horrors. He (called throughout the narrative "Mr. S.") was aboard a ship which also carried a large number of Chinese convicts going to fulfil their sentences at different depots. You will expect to hear that the convicts rose and overpowered their guards—which they did. The narrative goes on: Mr. S. quickly returned to his cabin and was groping for his arms when the captain rushed in, fired his pistol through the skylight, and crying out that the Chinese were masters of the ship, dashed up the steps, threw himself overboard, and was drowned. A few moments of suspense followed, when a party of convicts came below, and without molesting Mrs. S., ordered her husband on deck. Compelled to obey, he found the deck deluged with blood and the victorious convicts compelling the survivors of the British crew and Sepoys to "walk the plank." Present-

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##### COLLISION IN FOG

New York, Yesterday. The Furness liner "Fort Victoria," 7,784 tons, with 260 passengers sank after a collision outside New York harbour with the Clyde liner "Algonquin," which was carrying 180 passengers.

The collision happened in a fog. All aboard the "Fort Victoria" were safely transferred to a pilot boat after the accident.

New York, Yesterday. "Women and children first" was the order given quietly and implicitly obeyed aboard the "Fort Victoria," after the sharp bows of the "Algonquin" deeply gashed her port side, and it became evident that all aboard must leave as quickly as possible, if a great loss of life was to be prevented.

The papers here pay tribute to the coolness of Captain Francis for his discipline with the crew of the ship, in an accident which might easily have had consequences comparable with those following the sinking of the British steamer "Vestris" a year ago.

The collision occurred when the "Fort Victoria" slowed up to drop her harbour pilot. The "Algonquin," which was following behind, had not to do this, as she is a coastal ship. When the "Algonquin" loomed out of a dense fog it was too late to avoid a crash. The "Fort Victoria's" S.O.S. signals brought many rescue craft, to which her passengers were transferred. Captain Francis and a dozen men remained aboard vainly hoping to have the crippled ship towed to the pier, until the water was knee-deep on the deck. They then jumped overboard and swam to the nearby tug. Captain Francis was the last man to leave the ship.—Reuters' American Service.

Warships in port this morning were: In basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar," "Petersfield," "Magnolia," "Marazion," "Cornflower," "West wall," "Kent" (flagship). In Dock: "Sepoy," "Seraph," "Thracian." No. 4 Buoy: "Herald." No. 5 Buoy: "Heracles." No. 6 Buoy: "Cornwall." No. 7 Buoy: "Trompsburg." No. 12 Buoy: "Sirdar." The only foreign man-of-war in harbour was: Chinese despatch vessel "Lien Ching."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on December 19 at 7 a.m., and is due here on December 27 at about 6 a.m.

ly it came to Mr. S's turn. Instead, however, of falling at once into the sea, he, with great muscular efforts, clung to the plank and refused his fate. In vain the murderers tried to prod him with pikes. He dodged their points successfully, until at length a Chinese, creeping forward, aimed a blow at him with a sabre. In avoiding the stroke Mr. S. lost his hold and fell into the sea. The intended victim floated until he managed to scramble into the ship's boat, which was towing astern, and the murderers were so taken aback by his seemingly miraculous escape that they allowed him to go to his cabin and did not molest him for the remainder of his time aboard. In fact, one of the bloodstained wretches came every day to the cabin to ask him what he would like for dinner! He was better off than the unfortunate mate, who was dragged from the rigging, hamstrung, and left to bleed to death. One of the most extraordinary and gruesome stories in this collection is that telling how a couple of Indian coolies made themselves masters of the "Frank N. Thayer," an American vessel of 1,600 tons burden, sailing from Manila to New York. The great advantage they had was the fact that the whole of the ship's company were taken completely by surprise. Everything was peaceful, the night calm and starlit, and the ship bowing along before a breeze when the two Indians suddenly whipped out knives and fell on their unarmed officers—the first and second mates. Having killed them and attacked and severely wounded the captain, they slew the man at the wheel, the carpenter, and a white seaman. Twelve men were roused in the fore-cabin, and though they sallied forth to investigate when they were aroused by the struggle on deck, the mutineers drove them in panic back to the fore-cabin, where they barricaded them in. Eventually the mutineers, after the loyal crew had smashed their way out with an axe, which had been smuggled in to them by the Chinese cook, jumped overboard. First, however, they had set fire to the ship, and the captain and the remainder of the ship's company were compelled to take to the boats. The amazing fact remained that the mutineers, without firearms, mastered a company of twenty-five men, killed five, wounded four, and overpowered the remainder for a period of forty-eight hours, and the eleven active men were quite content during that period to remain imprisoned below deck, while their comrades were being murdered above. What novelist would dare to put an incident like this into a book?

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"The trade of the Port of London is greater to-day than it has ever been in its 2,000 years' history, and the zenith has not yet been reached," said Mr. J. H. Estill, lecturing to the Incorporated Secretaries' Association. Mr. Estill is the commercial manager of the port, and he drew a very attractive picture, with lantern slides, of the future of this great trading and financial centre. Mr. Patrick Howling was in the chair.

Mr. Estill, in the course of a copious history of the Port of London, said:—The physical advantage of the port is its broad and deep river, enabling vessels of the largest class to enter its docks with facility. Over 33 million tons of goods pass through annually, 20 million tons being overseas produce. The important position which the port occupies in relation to overseas trade may be gauged from the fact that in 1928 the imports and exports, excluding coastwise, amounted to nearly £700,000,000, exceeding those of Liverpool, the next most important port, by over £200,000,000, and being more than twice the combined overseas trade of Hull, Manchester and Southampton. Nearly one-third of the total overseas trade of the United Kingdom is dealt with in London.

New Interests Within the last few years there has been a decided tendency for additional industries, such as motor car manufacturing, engineering, paper-making and cement manufacturing, to be established in or near London, and for important businesses to be centralised there, due largely to the development of electricity and to the shipping, trading and other facilities in which London is pre-eminent.

The shipping entering the port has increased 4,000,000 tons in 1929 to the huge figure of nearly 59½ million net register tons in 1928. This figure is over 17 million net register tons more than in the first year the authority took office, and constitutes a record in the history of the port. A comparison with the shipping figures for the ports shows that London has exceeded Liverpool, the next leading port, by 9,000,000 net register tons in 1928, and over 22,740,000 net register tons in 1929. These shipping and trade figures prove that the port authority's bold policy of extensions and improvements has been amply justified.

Over 60 per cent. of the shipping entering the port discharges in the docks, the remainder being dealt with at wharves, at manufacturers' premises or at moorings in the river. A large tonnage of goods not intended for immediate consumption goes into the authority's warehouse on the dock quays. This warehousing business is of great importance, as it does, every class of merchandise entering the port. The principal commodities are grain, timber, wines and spirits, wool, frozen meat, sugar, tea and tobacco.

Over two million tons of imported goods yearly are passed over the authority's quays, while the present stock of goods stored is about 500,000 tons, a striking figure when it is remembered that the modern tendency is for goods to go directly into consumption. The stocks held have been as much as 1,000,000 tons. The authority also carries on a large business in the conveyance and shipment of export goods, the quantity passed over the quays annually being about 700,000 tons.

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LABORE	5,504	11th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KHIVA	9,135	18th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MIRZAPORE	9,716	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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MANTUA	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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TALMA	10,000	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	7,841	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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TAKADA	9,940	27th Dec. Noon	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MIRZAPORE	9,716	28th Dec. 6 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
MANTUA	10,946	8th Jan. 1930	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
NELLORE	9,883	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
TALMA	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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A "CHECKING POST"

"Rampura" passed Perim, 20th. Thus runs the bald statement of the progress of the liner's voyage. Few people, as they glance through the shipping news, think of the vast organization necessary to keep track of all the ships on the high seas; still less do they visualize the lives of some of the smaller links in this organization—the men who keep their fingers on the pulses of the world's shipping. Perim, for instance, is a small island in the narrow strait of Bab-el-mandeb, at the southern end of the Red Sea. It was occupied in 1857, and is not an unimportant coaling station. Commercially, however, its chief importance lies in its geographical position. Every ship passing in or out of the Red Sea must pass close to it—close enough for signals and the interchange of the first "checking post" on the movement of an east-bound liner after she has passed out of the Suez Canal, some thirteen hundred miles further north. Ships of all sorts and nationalities are continually using the signal station at Perim.

The P. &amp; O. Liners

There are the great buff and black Peninsular and Orient liners, the fast Blue Funnel freighters, the clumsy-looking oil tankers from the ports of the Persian Gulf, and the grimy little ships packed with Moslem pilgrims for Mecca and Medina. At the fore-mast-head or triatic stay of each ship there is a flutter of coloured bunting. It is answered by the station, and the position of the ship is straightway made known to her owners. These signal stations have not by any means lost their importance through the almost universal introduction of wireless telegraphy. Bad weather and any unusual conditions in the vastness of the Indian Ocean of the Red Sea are reported to the station, so that other ships may be warned.

Slavery and Gun Running  
Warships also pass frequently: the sloops which patrol the Red Sea and Persian Gulf to prevent slaving and gun-running, and sometimes a cruiser with reliefs for ships on the far-away China Station. To these ships who proudly fly the White Ensign, the station dips her "Red Duster" in token of respect, and passes a signal of "Bon voyage." The men at the signal station live a terribly monotonous life. Perim is small and very hot, and is frequently swept by dust storms from the mainland. They live together in peace and harmony in their little "mess." They have, in fact, adapted themselves to the prevailing conditions in the way that only Britons can. It is upon this adaptability of the race that the British Empire has been built up.

## SHIPPING TRAFFIC

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Few Decreases

Southampton.—The October statistics in respect of the working of Southampton Docks have just been issued by the Southern Railway Company, together with comparative returns for October, 1929. They show some decrease it is true, but on the whole, they are eminently satisfactory. The number of vessels inward fell from 299 to 292 and outward from 295 to 284, a decline of 7 vessels inward and 11 outward; but the gross and net tonnage figures both showed a substantial increase. The gross tonnage inward rose from 1,420,923 tons to 1,695,879 tons and outward from 1,321,161 tons to 1,655,918 tons. The advance was, therefore, 165,786 tons inward and 183,757 tons outward. The net tonnage totals were equally gratifying. The increase under this heading being 84,141 tons inward and 101,491 tons outward, the respective totals, as compared with 753,767 tons; aggregates being inward, 847,008 tons and outward, 796,315 tons, as against 664,824 tons.

Inward cargo dropped by 11,504 tons, the totals being 64,028 for October, 1929, as compared with 52,522 tons recently; but outward there was an increase of 5,385 tons, the figures being 59,870 tons for the month as against 51,485 tons in the corresponding month last year. The passenger traffic still revealed a balance, the increase inward being 525 and outward 1,369. Altogether 12,384 travellers passed through the port inward, as compared with 12,269 outward, whilst outward the departures numbered 18,585, against 17,203. The dropping movements were less heavy this October than last, for there were no inward arrivals and merely one departure. In consequence of this the deficit inward was 1,635 and outward 1,141, as only 1,549 sailed, as compared with 2,600 in October, 1928. The dropping figures, however, show very little as far as the trade of the port is concerned, for the movements do not necessarily take place at precisely the same time in different years. The deficit for October will, therefore, more than likely be made good during the current month.

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Tian via S'ow & S'hai	WAISHING	Wed, 25th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Tian via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun, 29th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Tian via S'ow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed, 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji	KUMRANG	Wed, 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji	HOSANG	Sun, 19th Jan. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Fri, 20th Feb. at 5 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat, 28th Dec. at 8 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	TUTSANG	Mon, 6th Jan. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	SUTSANG	Fri, 17th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat, 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Mon, 6th Jan. at Noon
Tientsin via Fopchow	CHEONGSHING	Wed, 25th Dec. at 7 a.m.
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## HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobrook during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

December 20 to 26, 1929.				
Dec.	Standard Time	High Water	Lower Water	St.
Fri. 20	3:55	4.5 m. 6.48	0.5	
Sat. 21	11:54 a.m.	7.9 m. 1.3	3.9	
Sun. 22	3:14	4.4 m. 7.43	0.2	
Mon. 23	0:09	7.5 m. 8.43	4.1	
Tues. 24	4:06	4.6 m. 7.16 a	4.3	
Wed. 25	8:26	6.9 m. 8.40	1.9	
Thurs. 26	1:50	4.8 m. 9.10 a	4.7	
Fri. 27	6:41	6.8 m. 10.34	2.3	
Sat. 28	1:38	5.3 m. 11.21 a	3.8	
Sun. 29	6:34	6.8 m. 11.31	2.7	
Mon. 30	1:31	6.3 m. 0.46	3.1	
Tues. 31	6:11	6.3 m. 1.57	3.0	

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Jarrow.—The motor yacht "Alice," built for Sir Richard Adamson Cooper, Bart., of Bexmoor, Hertfordshire, was launched from Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson and Company's shipyard, and was described as being the finest designed and best constructed yacht ever turned in this country, and probably in the world.

Lady Cooper, after whom the vessel is named, was unfortunately unable to be present to christen the vessel owing to illness, but sent a telegram in which she thanked everyone down to the workmen in making her dream ship once true.

In her absence the vessel was named by Mrs. Foot, of Berkhamstead, a sister of Sir Richard Cooper. Replying to the toast of the "Alice" and her owner, proposed by Mr. T. E. Thirlaway, chairman of the builders, Sir Richard Cooper explained why he had accepted the designs of Messrs. Cox and Stevens, New York, for the yacht, but added that he would not thank for a moment of leaving the vessel built out of England. He was grateful to the builders of such a beautiful ship, and expressed the hope that when the rich Americans saw her they would be induced to build their luxury yachts in this country, where there was the finest construction and the cheapest. It would also help us to get rid of the spectre of unemployment and heavy taxation.

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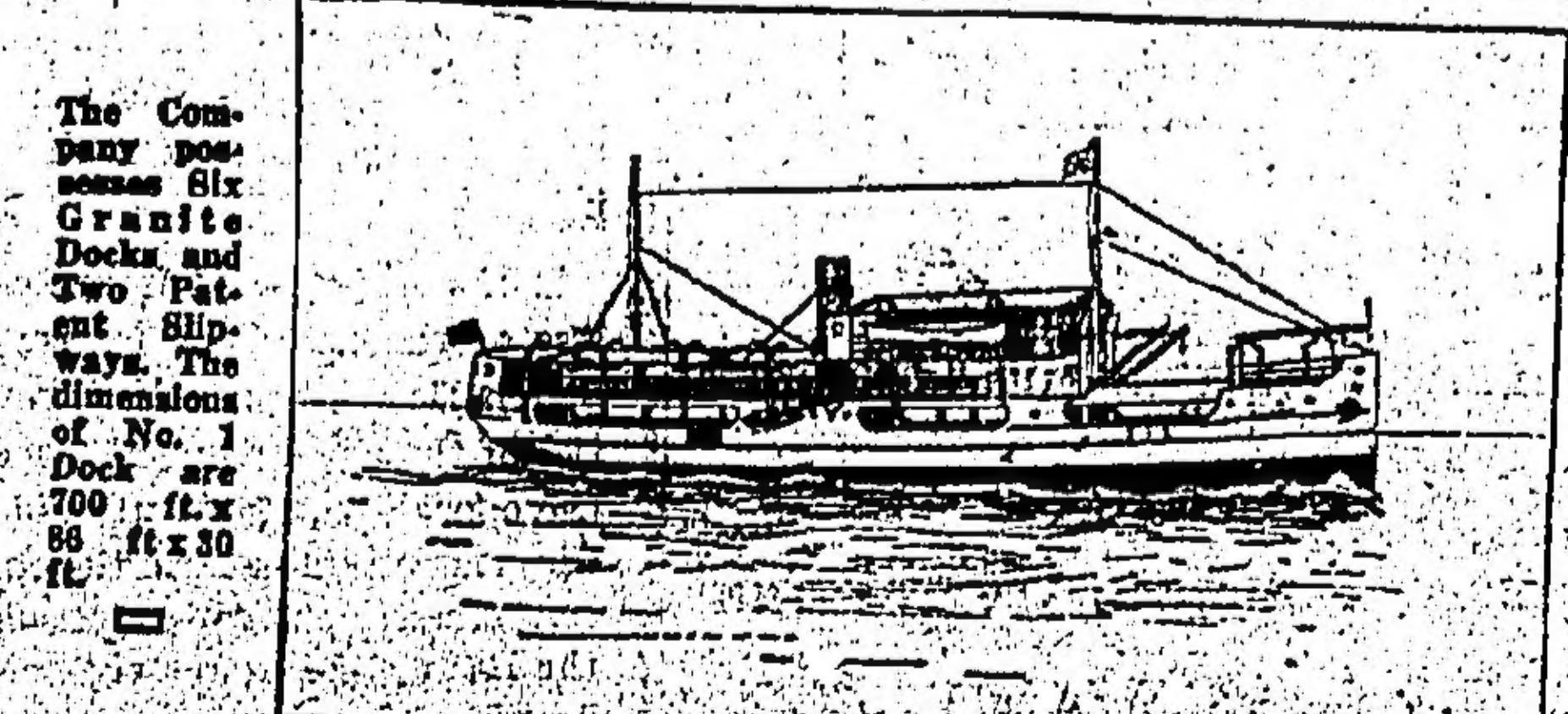
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**CLOUDS OF WARNING**

The Government has made a determined stand in its effort to push through the Coal Mines Bill, but it has been in the nature of a struggle, and there still remains the possibility of a setback before it is finally adopted. It is a measure unprecedented in the annals of Parliamentary history, being an act of force majeure which none but a very young and convinced Party would attempt. In the first place, it has had neither the approval of the miners themselves, nor the consent of the coal owners. It is a policy not far removed from the spirit of dictatorship, and some independent thinkers may feel that it is somewhat too soon for the Government to test its courage by tempting disaster with an unpopular measure of such vital import.

If the Government is not careless of the length of its regime in the House, it should take notice of the character and trend of the opposition. Not only did the Government defeat the Conservative amendment for rejection of the Bill by the extremely narrow margin of eight votes only; among the parties voting against it were a not inconsiderable sprinkling of Liberals. Mr. Lloyd George, who is known to favour the present Government in certain of its reforms, was definitely antagonistic to the Bill, which he strongly referred to as "incredibly bad" and full of "vicious provisions." He declared that the Bill contained the worst features of Socialism and individualism

without the redeeming features of either. The two provisions of the Bill of which he approved were those relating to the reduction of hours and the establishment of a National Wages Board. Nine-tenths of the Bill was a fixation of prices and a limitation of output.

Mr. Lloyd George, however, in spite of his criticism, made a useful contribution to the coal problem when he said that there were two ways of meeting the deficit on the working of the mines. One was the crude method of putting up the prices, which the Government had chosen. The other was the method of re-organising the industry so as to save in production and distribution, which would benefit miners and mine owners, and the country as a whole. The system of compulsory grouping seemed to be the only remedy.

Whatever may be the outcome of the resentment against the Bill, the Government should take warning from the results of the voting on the Conservative amendment. For some inexplicable reason, hardly to be explained away by mere indifference, the Conservative members have absented themselves from the House of late, at times when their presence and support would have made vital differences. Had every Conservative member been present in the House last night, it is likely that the Government would have been faced by a division. It is a matter which should be strenuously taken up by the electors, who would be advised to remember, when next they visit the poll, these occasions on which their Members have failed to uphold the principles which were so effusively proclaimed during the election campaign. It seems to us in far-away Hong Kong a very great pity that the Old Country should be allowed to fall to pieces under a pernicious Socialist regime through the laziness or lack of interest of its so-called Nationalist representatives in Parliament.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

It has been agreed that before the Hague Conference reassembles on January 6 there shall be a meeting on January 2, of jurists representing the Powers engaged in the Conference.

The Fascist grand Council has approved the constitution of the Fascist Party and has passed a resolution inviting all who are unable wholly and unreservedly to conform to the strict discipline of the party to resign within a week.

Yesterday one case of typhoid fever, four of small-pox, and one of diphtheria were notified.

A very artistic calendar for 1930 has been received by the "China Mail" from the Liberty Silk Store.

Washington, Yesterday.—Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank has lowered the discount rate to 4½ per cent.—Reuter's American Service.

The Staff and students of the Munsang College have organised a Christmas Concert to be given at the New Kowloon Theatre, Kowloon City, at 2 p.m. on Monday.

Senator Swanson of Virginia has introduced a Bill in the Senate with the object of promoting Commander Byrd to the rank of Rear-Admiral, in recognition of his explorations in the Antarctic.

Signalman W. G. Perry, of Whitefield Barracks, reported to the Police yesterday that whilst riding a motor cycle along Nathan Road he knocked down and slightly injured a Chinese.

Failing to stop his bus as near as possible to the left hand-side of the road for passengers to alight, a Chinese driver, employed by the China Motor Bus Co., was fined \$3, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The distribution of the prizes by Mrs. M. B. Osman at the second annual exhibition of the University Photographic Club will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday in the Union Assembly Room at the University. All those who have participated in the exhibition are particularly invited to attend.

Partly heard by Mr. W. Schofield a case of alleged armed robbery was re-started by Mr. T. S. White-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The accused were four Chinese and their victim was an aged cattle dealer living at Matakok. After the facts of the case had again been outlined by Detective Inspector Fallon, an adjournment was made until this afternoon.

Yesterday Mr. E. W. Hamilton was to have resumed the hearing in extradition proceedings in which the surrender of a Chinese named Au Ying is sought by the Canton authorities, but the case was held up on account of the absence from the Court of two women, who are the principal witnesses. The allegations against Au Ying were murder and armed robbery two years ago in Namhol district.

When arrested for the unlawful possession of a pair of shoes, a Chinese gave two different stories at the Mongkok Police Station. At the Kowloon Magistracy to-day he corroborated one of his stories that a friend gave him the shoes in repayment of work done for him. The Magistrate said that as the shoes were a Chinese pair he would have to give the defendant the benefit of the doubt and discharge him.

A dance given by the Royal Air Force, including the Kai Tak aerodrome personnel and members of the Fleet Air Arm, was held in the Peninsula Hotel last night. It was a brilliant function with Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins as the principal host. The guests included H.E. the General Officer Commanding, Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Commodore R.A.S. Hill, R.N., accompanied by their Staffs, the Commandants and Officers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers and Somerset Light Infantry, and representatives of other Service units.

(Continued from previous Column)

12.45 p.m. on Monday, December 30. The Council meets next on Thursday, January 2, at 2.30 p.m. The attendance yesterday comprised:—H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), The Attorney-General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.), The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.), The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E.), Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressey (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. Mr. G. F. Hole, R.N., re-tinged (Harbour Master), Hon. Mr. A. R. Wallington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Hon. Sir Shon-sen Chow, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., Hon. Mr. A. G. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tse, O.B.E., LL.D., Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones (Deputy Clerk of Council).

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING****STANDING RULES AND ORDERS AMENDED****PROGRESS OF NEW BILLS**

In addition to the official replies to questions regarding piracy and the local rents problem (as published yesterday in the "China Mail"), the Legislative Council put through considerable business yesterday, the last meeting of the year.

New standing rules and orders were adopted, the set in use hitherto having been long recognised as defective, stated the Attorney-General. The new ones are the result of the Colonial Office Conference in 1927, when it was decided that a draft code should be prepared, which could be adapted to each Colony's special requirements. The Committee appointed by H.E. the Governor to adapt the code for Hong Kong comprised the Attorney-General (the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

"An Ordinance" to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1927, was read a first time. As explained in the "China Mail" last week, this is aimed to curb the illegal activities of local vernacular "tabloid" newspapers.

Anglican Church  
Sir Henry Pollock moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to incorporate a Body of Trustees capable of holding property for the purposes of the Church of England and to provide for the performance of divine worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and for certain objects ancillary to the aforesaid objects." The details and objects of this non-Government legislation have been fully dealt with already. "In searching around for a new electorate of the Church Body," said Sir Henry yesterday, "a more democratic body of electors than has hitherto existed is to be established." The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes seconded and the Bill passed its first reading.

Arms and Ammunition  
When he moved the second reading of "An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900," the Attorney-General pointed out that the list of exempted persons (who could carry firearms) is materially restricted by this new legislation. Those exempted now are:—

Persons in the Naval, Military and Air Forces, Volunteers, Police Force, Police Reserve in respect of arms and ammunition used by them in connection with their duties; commissioned officers in the Army, Navy and Air Forces; Consular representatives de carriere; certain public officers whose names are approved by the Governor; any person to whom the Inspector-General of Police shall have issued a written letter of exemption.

Those excluded by the new (amending) Ordinance are:—

Public officers whose names have not been approved by the Governor; Justices of the Peace; Special jurors; members of the Legislative Council; barristers and solicitors; medical practitioners; clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic priests, or any minister of any congregation of Protestant dissenters.

This Bill was read a third time and passed as were:—

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917.

An Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

Finance Committee

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed, consisting of the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern), chairman, Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer) and all the unofficial members. Sir Henry Pollock asked a question about a matter raised by him at the last Budget debate when it was mentioned that a vote for steam launches would be referred to the Harbour Board. The Harbour Board is meeting on December 27. All the votes, totalling \$140,888, to supplement this year's expenditure, were approved without demur.

As it may be necessary to vote other supplementary funds before the present year runs out, the Committee will meet again at 10.15 a.m. on Monday.

**QUARRY BAY SCHOOL PRIZE DAY****CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY PUPILS****LIST OF AWARDS**

Yesterday was Prize Day at the Quarry Bay School. The ceremony of distributing the prizes was performed by Mr. E. Ralphs, Director of Education, in the presence of a large gathering of parents of the students and friends.

The proceedings opened with a Christmas concert given by the pupils. The programme was well arranged giving plenty of opportunity to all sections of the school from the Kindergarten to the higher forms. Mr. Ralphs summed up the opinion of the audience in the following sentence: "This entertainment is quite unique, and I have certainly never seen anything like it before."

The programme included five carols—"Here we come a Wassailing," "Christians Awake," "Kind Christmas," "How Far is it to Bethlehem," and "Shepherds have left their Sheep," all of which were prettily sung. Other items included a dance of Golly-wogs and Dutch Dolls, exceedingly well done; a Kindergarten Band in which toy instruments were used—and successfully; a character song "The House that Jack Built"; the Holly and Mistletoe dance; and three more carols "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks," "The First Nowell," and "O, Come All Ye Faithful."

The happy afternoon was brought to a close with the dancing of "Sir Roger."

List of Prize Winners

During a break in the concert the prizes were distributed by Mr. Ralphs as under:—

Class 7:—1st in examination, Neville Booker; Homework, Jean Summers; Progress, Peggy Johnson.  
Class 8:—1st in Homework, Maureen Booker; Progress, Rodderick McLeod.  
Class 9:—1st, Thomas Tuite; Homework, Betty McIntyre; Progress, Ivy Mitchell.  
Class 10:—A special progress prize was given to Joan Goodhead, and a small prize to each of the following: Phlox Stalker, Dorothy Young, Jean Wallace, Primrose Wilson, Malcolm Swan, Margaret Davidson, Aileen Thirwell, William McWalter, Sheila Collinson, Geoffrey Baker.

A Class prize, given each term for punctuality and for not forgetting handkerchiefs, was won by classes 7 and 8.

Royal Drawing Certificate  
Division 1:—Honours, Jean Summers, Maureen Booker, Beryl June Booker.

Division 2 (Second class):—Veronica Thirwell, Georgina Cunningham, Rodderick McLeod.

Preparatory Division (Second class):—Jean Summers, Neville Booker, Christine Bone, Martha Fraser, Georgina Cunningham, Veronica Thirwell, Eileen Miller, Ronald Gascogne and Dorothy Young. Scholarship to be held at Central British School for one year, Neville Booker.

As in former years, a feature of Prize Day at the Quarry Bay School was the exhibition of the handiwork of the children. This year's exhibits were greatly admired. They included some clever and artistic raffia work, hand-painted calendars and Christmas cards, knitted woollen baby socks, handkerchief sachets, etc., all made by the children as Christmas presents to their parents.

**WARWICK REVUE CO****Opening To-night At  
Star Theatre**

The Warwick Revue Company returned to Hong Kong from Shanghai and the North by the "Malva" this morning in readiness for the first of the three farewell performances, the first of which will take place at the Star Theatre to-night.

Every one will remember the delightful performances this clever company gave a few weeks back, and will welcome the opportunity of re-viewing acquaintance with Rex Burchall, Gladys Velle, Selwyn Driver, Enid Nicolson, Guy Latham, Barbara Wells, Robert Poole, Jean Wells and the rest of these amusing artists.

To-night's production will be "High Lights," while to-morrow (Saturday) will see "The Whirligig" and Sunday "Farewell Fare." As these will be positively the last appearances of the company here prior to their departure for London theatre goers are advised to secure their seats in good time.

The plans are at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

**TEN YEARS AGO**[From the "China Mail,"  
December 20, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 1½d.

Hong Kong:—A British Colony should be a bit of England. If anything, our British freedom should be somewhat wider than at home. Its laws, where not identical with Home Laws, should at least be based on the same glorious principles. Its Press should have equal liberty, if not more, since its people, its readers, have fewer powers than they would have were they not censored. The same grand old flag flies over us; but there are times when we feel as if we were in a foreign country among foreign officials. You know what that means.



EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.  
DEBATEWESTERN CIVILISATION AND  
THE ORIENT  
NOT ADAPTABLE

The lounge of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, was filled last night on the occasion of a debate on Western civilisation and its adaptability to the Orient.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Literary and Debating Committee presided.

The Rev. F. C. Young, who proposed "That Western civilisation is not adaptable to the Orient," thought that in considering a motion of that nature an attempt should be made to approach the subject with an unbiased mind and, although the "personal equation" was bound to enter into some extent, they should look at the matter from their own point of view as a detached point of view and not Westerners.

China's Civilisation  
The speaker referred to various definitions of civilisation, including that of "Bringing out of Barbarism" which obviously could not apply in the case of China because its civilisation was far more ancient than our own. He took it that they were to consider whether it was possible and workable that Eastern civilisation should be taken away and replaced with that of the West, or that its place should be taken by a modified form of Western civilisation. A simile might be drawn with the two tributaries of the River Rhone, one coming from the hills and crossing yellow country, and the other originating from the glacier regions and traversing cleaner soils. The two flowed past Geneva where on the left of the city one glimpsed the yellow stream and on the right the pure water from the glaciers. It was not until the yellow deposits of the one had been deposited on the banks of the surrounding country that the two met and flowed as one.

The Compradore as a Link

Applying the above simile to the subject under discussion, the speaker said that in business, instead of direct contact, one had as intermediary the compradore, whilst socially the East and the West did not come together. It was impossible to adapt what was diametrically opposed in point of view and intellectual make-up. The Easterner considered that Western civilisation had taken away the art of living of which he knew so much. The West might be richer in some ways, but the standard of wealth in the East was wisdom. Whereas Western civilisation was characterised by aggression and militarism, trade expansion, acquisition and materialism, class hatred and discontent, the greatest characteristic of the East was content and social peace. What to the West might often appear a wilderness was to the Easterner a Paradise. Whereas fidelity to the family was a marked characteristic of the Chinese race, the tendency in the West in modern days was to a negation of all family ties.

In conclusion, the speaker envisaged—as opposed to an Orientalised "milk and water" copy of Western civilisation—a China developed along the lines of her own art and culture, with the West co-operating as a friend and brother.

Mankind is One

The Rev. J. H. Johnson, in opening for the negative, said that it was not the intention to claim that the East and the West were so similar that they could be united, but those who had travelled most widely and had had most experience of the races of mankind were the most deeply impressed that throughout the world mankind was one.

In support of his contention that the principles at the foundation of our Western civilisation were those of universal brotherhood and an enthusiasm for humanity, the speaker traced the working of these principles in the life of Europe since the dawn of the Christian era, and the tendency throughout the centuries towards the raising of the masses and the growth of greater freedom and independence. It was a spirit of altruism which had made possible this process of development and had resulted in a stimulation to progress. It was not his case that Eastern civilisation should be scrapped and Western civilisation superimposed, but that the above-mentioned principles and altruistic movement were possible and adaptable to all humanity.

Militarism in China

Dealing with the claim that militarism represented the spirit of Western civilisation and that in the Orient one had quietness, peace and repose, the speaker said one could hardly reconcile the picture of China in the throes of civil war and the Western nations banding their energies together towards the limitation of armaments and the efficient working of a League of Nations.

Dealing with the quotation by Mr. Young of the first line of the Chinese saying, "The speaker said that the spirit of the Chinese was not adaptable to the West."

NEW TALKIE AT  
QUEEN'S THEATRE"THE BROADWAY MELODY"  
REALLY GOOD  
PEEPS BEHIND THE SCENES

It has been declared that production capacity in talkies and movie-tones is limited. There is an indication that producers are alternating reasonably artistic films and mediocre ones deliberately. For this the various cinemas cannot be blamed—even in London cinema managers know little of the type or merits of their bookings of talkies until they receive them. In their arrangement there is more than a chance of both the cinema and the audience being "had." One cannot expect either producer's publicity, which is usually bad and an injustice to a decent effort, or critic's bluntness to label thus: "The Bootblack," at the Blank is fit fare for romantic shopgirls; or "The Philosopher," at the Dash, will interest only the sophisticated. Titles are notoriously misleading. Romantic, shopgirls and sophisticated play-goers are sometimes oddly inconsistent in their likes and dislikes. The name of an author does not tell one much as to his film treatment, and good producers often "shoot" for the pot.

An Exception

It is pleasing faithfully to record that "The Broadway Melody," produced at the Queen's Theatre for the first time, is not a talkie of the mediocre type. It is full of "go" from first to last, and is considerably enhanced by colourful reels that appeal to the eye in no small measure. As the title indicates, the talkie has as its theme the rendering of the song, "The Broadway Melody" to the accompaniment of artistic dancing by two sisters. There are "peeps behind the scenes" in plenty, revealing to the uninitiated that an artist's training is not all jam and honey.

The composer of the song (Charles King) and the two sisters (Anita Page and Beanie Love) have by far the greater portion of the work to do—and they do it well. As a talkie it will more than compare with any previous one at the Queen's Theatre. The conversation, when natural, is distinctly heard, which cannot be said when the voices are pitched in a high key.

As entertainment "The Broadway Melody" is really first-class fare. In any case the best London critics have acclaimed it a success; why should any in this Colony assert anything to the contrary?

VISIT OF A FAMED  
VIOLINISTMR. LASZLO SCHWARTZ TO PLAY  
AT LEADING LOCAL HOTELS.

COLORATURA SOPRANO

Hong Kong music lovers have a rare treat in store for them. A coloratura soprano and violinist of exceptional merit have arrived in the Colony and will make their debut at the Repulse Bay Hotel on December 21, at the Peninsula Hotel on December 26, and at the Hong Kong Hotel on December 27.

On World Tour

Mr. Laszlo Schwartz, the violinist, and Miss Dawn Ascheton, the coloratura soprano who takes part in novel acts, are on a world tour. Mr. Schwartz is a gentleman of rare attainments. Not only being a violinist and composer, he is also a journalist of note. He has gained a reputation as a critic of things musical, but his writing did not end there. During his recent tour in Australia, he was approached by leading journals in Sydney and Melbourne to give his written views on a variety of subjects. His articles met with unanimous approbation.

In America

Greater success awaited him in America. Immediately on his arrival there, he was besieged with offers from some of the leading periodicals. He wrote several articles on topical subjects, and some of his articles were "starred" in the biggest U.S. newspapers. He has also contributed largely to some well-known feature syndicates.

Mr. Schwartz takes a profound interest in journalism, and it is feared that before long he will be lost to the musical world, and will become a distinct gain to the realm of journalism. He announced yesterday to a representative of the "China Mail" that he is contemplating the relinquishment of the bow and fiddle soon, in place of the pen.

His context:—  
East is East, and West is West  
and never the twain shall meet.  
Till earth and sky stand presently at  
God's great Judgment seat.  
But there is neither East nor West,  
Border nor Breed, nor Birth  
When two strong men stand face to face,  
Face to face, they come from the ends  
of the earth;  
Dr. Ashton, Mr. Young, and Mr. J. M. Wilson seconded Mr. Johnson.

MANACLED "MIRACLE  
MAN"HUGE CROWD SEES NOVEL  
SPECTACLE!  
"FAILURE MEANS DEATH"

Never has such a crowd, numbering nearly 3,000 assembled to see a feat as was the case yesterday, when Mr. Levante, the famed illusionist, thrilled them with his manacled dive.

Thanks to the departure of a Japanese vessel at 5 o'clock, the Chinese made full use of the Kowloon wharf, and invaded the Public Pier just to see the feat.

Shortly before 5.15 o'clock Mr. Levante, in company with his wife, Mr. T. K. Lam (House Manager, Majestic Theatre) and a few ladies and photographers, besides a representative of the "China Mail" boarded a motor-boat and proceeded to a junk, which was moored diagonally between the Public Pier and the Kowloon wharf.

Handcuffed and Chained  
Levante, who wore a bathing suit, over which was a colourful gown, attached himself to a camp-stool, and reliable witnesses began to look, handcuff and chain him.

One lady was overheard to say: "I'm frightened; don't do it!" But Levante boldly answered: "Don't you worry; I'm all right!"

The next minute, the manacled man stood up, remarking: "Are we ready; here goes."

Splash! he had dived—a buzz in the crowd—anxiety on the part of the frightened lady—all eyes on the water. Bubbles—and in 15 seconds all was over.

Levante popped up, holding all the padlocks, chains and handcuffs in his right hand.

A loud cheer from the crowd welcomed the miracle man back as he clambered on to the junk, and was speedily given his gown and towel.

Curious Sensation  
When asked by our representative what the feeling was like, Mr. Levante said: "It is the most curious of sensations. You always have the feeling of being pulled down by the iron."

However, in Manila my jumps were thirty feet high, and that was awful. The party, after photographs had been taken, then boarded the motor-boat and returned to the Pier. Here Levante landed with his admirers, and walked through the huge crowd of curious Chinese gazing with wonder!

The Police supervised the whole affair exceedingly well.

Mr. and Mrs. Levante then entered a motor car and posed for the photographers.

C.B.S. FANCY DRESS DANCE

THREE PLAYS PRODUCED WITH  
SUCCESS

WINNERS OF PRIZES

With the Band of the Somerset Light Infantry, the notes of saxophone piping in parts, and gaiety prevailing, the annual Fancy Dress Dance of the Central British School (given by Mr. G. F. Nightingale, head master) was held yesterday evening in the school hall, there being a large attendance, including former pupils.

The fancy dresses on the whole were good, giving plenty of scope, and adding effect to the flag-bedecked hall. Tea and refreshments were served, after which the stage was tastefully arranged for three plays, all produced and directed by Miss P. W. Brown, M.B.E.

Galworthy's Farce

The first was "The Little Man," a farcical morality by John Galworthy. This included three amusing scenes. Desmond Hyies figured well in tone and action as an American; the others, R. Woolley, A. Hynes, B. Bickford, and J. Woolley, were all good.

The second play was "Followers," a Cranford sketch by H. Brighouse, which was likewise well produced.

B. Budden, Helen Wylie, I. Stirling, and Stella Bander, all acted admirably.

"A Night in an Inn"  
The last play was the most thrilling and exciting, namely, "A Night in an Inn," by Lord Dunsany. R. Woolley, J. Smith, B. Bickford, and D. Hyies were exceedingly real in their roles, while A. Dinan, I. Stirling, and N. Whitley supported them well as the three priests who got killed!

The Prize Winners

Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale thanked all those who had helped to gain the success attained. He thanked Miss Brown for directing the plays; Mr. Rowell for hard and enthusiastic work; the Commanding Officer of the Somerset L.I. for the band; the stage carpenters, and the scenic artists. He also congratulated the 5th Forms on their acting.

A special word of thanks, he added, must be given to Fred Fowler, Charles Sloan, and Sydney Fowler, for their hard work behind the scenes.

Girls: Best Costume ("Rainbow")

1. Azalia Reynolds ("Rainbow")  
2. Most Original Costume ("Clock")  
3. Mary Taylor

Boys: Best Costume ("Ancient Greek")

1. F. McNellie  
2. Most Original Costume—1. R. Eagan (Half Youth and Half Maiden)

Twenty-four degrees of frost were registered at Kowloon. Snow has fallen on high ground in a number of districts. Considerable damage has been done to trees and houses at North, which were subjected to a depth of two to three feet of snow.

Dr. Ashton, Mr. Young, and Mr. J. M. Wilson seconded Mr. Johnson. The meeting was then opened for discussion, and interesting contributions were made to the debate.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions  
To-day—Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club, Second Annual Exhibition; open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission free.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—R. A. F. Carnival Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Jan. 10—Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Broadway Melody."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Fortune Hunter."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Terror."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Jesse James."

To-day—At Theatre Royal, "The Geisha," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Warwick Revue Company in "High Lights" at the Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Home Mails

To-day—Inward from America and ports ("President Madison").

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez ("Khiva"); Outward for Europe via Marseilles ("Malwa"), 10.30 a.m.

Sports

Dec. 22—Fanning Hunt Steeple-chase races.

Meeting

To-day—Flying Club Meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.

To-morrow—Meeting of China Light and Power Co. (1918) Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.

Land Sale

Dec. 23—At P.W.D. Offices one lot of Crown land at Mong Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Hong Kong Art Club annual exhibition, 7 Queen's Rd., C.I., 1st floor, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To-day—Unveiling of portrait of the late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, Tsan Yuk Hospital, 3 p.m.

To-day—Peak School Distribution of Prizes, 5.15 p.m.

To-day—Conference for Ministers of Religion and Education at "Education and Religion" at St. John's Cathedral Hall. Tea: 4-4.30 p.m. Meeting 4.30-6 p.m.

Jan. 4-5—New Territories Agricultural Show, at Shek Wu Hui (near Sheung Shui Railway Station).

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 and 49 metres:—

5.00-5.30 p.m.—Gramophone Records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

"No, No, Nanette—Vocal Gems" Part 1—(Barbach, Cassar, Sears, & Youmans)

Part 2—(Caesar & Youmans) Columbia Vocal Chorus with Orchestra.

"If Baclo" (Arditi)

"Softly awakes my heart from 'Samson and Delilah' (Saint-Saens), The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Mr. Cinderella" Piano Selection, Part 1 and 2 (Ellis & Myers)

Piano Solo by Billy Mayerl.

"Drake goes west" (O'Reilly & Sanderson).

"King Charles" (Browning & W. V. White) .... Rex. Palmer, Baritone.

"Love's old sweet song" (J. L. Molloy).

"Poem" (Fibich).

The O. T. Squire Celeste Octet.

"Mercenary Mary: They still look good to me" (Friedlander & Conrad).

Low Hearn and Chorus with Orchestra.

"Mercenary Mary, I'm a little bit fonder of you" (Irring Caesar), Peggy O'Neill and A. W. Bankcomb with Orchestra.

"Lido Lady—Here in my arms" (Hart & Rodgers), Phyllis Dare.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo" Part 1: Bigles of H. M. Royal Horse Guards (Blues) and Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Part 2: Trumpets of H. M. Royal Horse Guards (Blues) and Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Part 3: Pipe Band of H. M. Scots Guards.

Part 4: Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards, with full Chorus.

5.30-6.00 p.m.—Children's Programme.

6.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.00-7.30 p.m.—Western Report.

7.30-8.00 p.m.—Music Concert.

(1) Musical Montage: "The Merry Widow" (Ballet).

(2) "The Merry Widow" (Ballet).

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(45) "The Merry Widow" (Ballet).

NEW  
ADVERTISEMENTS.CHINESE CUSTOMS  
NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES and STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 25th December, 1929, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1930.

J. M. H. OSBORNE, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon & District, York Building, Hong Kong, 19th Dec., 1929.

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Theatre, Kowloon  
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in

## "SPEEDY"

## BRAZILIAN TRADE

Policy Of Monetary  
Reform

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday. Senr. Julio Prestes, the candidate for presidency of the Republic at the election next March, in a speech outlining his policy, said that monetary reform would be completed by making notes convertible into gold.

The Bank of Brazil would be transformed into a central bank, empowered to issue convertible currency, and a complete national banking system would be organised. He would endeavour to stimulate production, especially cotton, wheat, rubber, cocoa, and timber, and also he would try to organise the metal industry.

Everything would be done to uphold the coffee industry without rushing to extremes in regard to keeping up values or incurring risks of official intervention, which was nearly always disastrous.—Reuter.

## MR. OBATA BANNED

China Opposes His  
Appointment

Nanking, Yesterday. The "Central Daily News" the official organ of the National Government, states that the Government has decided not to agree to the appointment of Mr. Obata, and the Foreign Office has been instructed to communicate its decision to the Japanese Government.

This action is stated to have been taken following the opposition of numerous Chinese public bodies to the appointment of Obata.—Reuter.

## SNOW IN PEKING

21 People Frozen To  
Death

Peking, Yesterday. Sudden low temperatures, accompanied by snow and piercing winds since Sunday, have resulted in many deaths here.

No less than 21 people frozen to death were found by the police this week.—Reuter.

(2) Piano Syncopations, Mr. G. W. True.

(3) (a) "Drink to me only" (R. Quilter); Miss Isabel Wallace Contralto.

(b) "The Night Nursery" (Arncliffe), Contralto.

(4) Dick Barry and a Piano.

(5) (a) "Son of Mine"

(b) "Sea Fever"

(c) Miss Isabel Wallace Contralto.

(6) "Babbie & Squawk" in impressions of Two Black Crows.

9.45 p.m.—Interval.

Press.





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## QUARREL OF GERMAN INEFFICIENT BRAKES STATESMEN

AMERICAN LOAN TO REPLENISH  
EMPTY EXCHEQUER  
AN URGENT BILL

Berlin, Yesterday.  
The friction between Dr. Schacht and Herr Hilferding has been renewed in connection with the Government's efforts to negotiate a loan with American bankers of \$100,000,000, to replenish the empty exchequer, and meet the year-end obligations. Dr. Schacht is reported to have refused to assent unless a new Finance Minister is appointed to handle the national finances more energetically and in conformity with the Reichsbank's policy. Hence Herr Hilferding's resignation is likely.

Negotiations Dropped  
Berlin, Later.

Herr Hilferding has apparently saved his post at least for the time being. The Government has agreed with Dr. Schacht to drop the loan negotiations with American bankers and the Dillon Read Company and obtain the necessary 450,000,000 marks from the German banks.

Government parties have brought in an urgent bill to the Reichstag, guaranteeing the amount required by taxation and economies on expenditure. The Government's financial difficulties are thus ended, at least temporarily. It is generally felt that Herr Hilferding will remain as Finance Minister until after the Hague Conference, and will then resign in favour of someone approved by Dr. Schacht.—Reuter.

["Back to the Young Plan," is the motif of a long Memorandum which Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, addressed to the Government, protesting that politicians are trying to spoil what economists have built up and condemning the attempts of the Governments in Germany and creditor states to tamper with the recommendations of the Young Plan, and declining all responsibility for enactment of the Young Plan if its recommendations are not respected by all countries concerned. Dr. Schacht accused the Government of doing nothing to reorganise Germany's finances.]

## CIVIC HONOURS

Freedom Of London For  
Premier & Chancellor

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Freedom of the City of London was to-day conferred upon Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, and Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer.—British Wireless Service.

Peace in the World.

London, Yesterday.  
Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Snowden were to-day granted the freedom of the City of London at the Guildhall, with traditional ceremony. Most of the Cabinet Ministers were present. Mr. MacDonald, in his reply, hoped and prayed that his visit to the United States would result in establishing an enduring peace in the world. Nothing was more necessary, he said, than Anglo-American co-operation for the advance of righteousness in the world. Mr. Snowden, referring to the Hague, said that good international relations would never be secured unless upon foundations of justice.

The Hague Conference resulted in a truer appreciation of Britain's position, with a willingness to recognise Britain's just claim, and the conference members parted the best of friends.—Reuter.

## N.S.W. COAL STRIKE

Work To Be Resumed  
To-day

Sydney, Yesterday.  
In the Federal Arbitration Court to-day Judge Beeby ordered work to be resumed by December 20. All mines in the Newcastle area will be on the pre-stoppage wage rates.

The award is to operate only until December 31, without prejudice to parties in connection with the dispute. A full hearing of the dispute is scheduled for January 22. The judge joined the State Government as a party to the dispute. The State Government has decided to apply to the High Court for an injunction to restrain the Federal Arbitration Court exercising jurisdiction.—Reuter.

## NEW BISHOP

Appointment By The  
Vatican

Vatican City, Yesterday.  
The Pope has appointed Cardinal Gasparri as the new Bishop of the See of the Holy See.—Reuter.

## A Source Of Danger To The Public

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the Chinese driver of a lorry was fined \$30 or three weeks' hard labour in default, for not providing his vehicle with efficient brakes.

Another Case  
Another Chinese driver of a motor lorry was summoned for having inefficient brakes.

Traffic Inspector Mason stated that the lorry took 102 feet to pull up in, with the hand brake applied, which clearly showed the absolute uselessness of that brake.

The Magistrate fined him \$25 or three weeks' hard labour, in default.

## "BILL" THOMPSON

Anti-British Campaign  
Recalled

Chicago, Yesterday.  
Mr. William McAndrews, who was dismissed from the superintendency of public schools in Chicago at the height of Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson's campaign for "free American schools without the influence of the English King George" won a suit against the city administration to-day, the judge ruling that he was not guilty of insubordination, for which he was extensively dismissed.

Mr. McAndrews decided to waive the right to sue the city for arrears of salary and was satisfied with vindicating himself.—Reuter's American Service.

## KELLOGG PACT

Its Violation By Soviet  
Russia

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons at question time Viscount Womersley asked whether the Government proposed to make further representations to the signatories of the Kellogg Pact regarding the violation of the pact by Russia.

Dr. Hugh Dalton replied that, as he intimated on Dec. 9, His Majesty's Government had made representations to the Governments concerned. Since then, no further representations had been made.—Reuter.

## MODERN RUSH

Lack Of Reflection And  
Feverish Effusion

Vatican City, Yesterday.  
The text of the Pope's speech on the occasion of the secret consistory on Dec. 16 is now published. It exhorts the faithful to "indulge in spiritual exercises," and recalls the fact that Jesus retired into the desert for 40 days before starting his public life, and emphasises the need of spiritual exercises, because the greatest ill of modern times is "the lack of reflection and the constant feverish effusion about externals, and the inordinate desire for riches and pleasure."—Reuter.

## PEACE IN INDUSTRY

Employers And Workers  
Get Together

London, Yesterday.  
An important step in the "peace in industry" movement was taken by a conference of representatives of the Trade Union Congress, the Federation of British Industries and a Confederation of Employers' organisations, agreed to definite proposals for co-operation, to deal especially with unemployment, industry, finance, taxation and international trade.—Reuter.

## GENERAL EXECUTED

Federal Troops Shoot  
Prominent Mexican

New York, Yesterday.  
A message from Nogales, Mexico, states that General Carlos Bouquet, the chief supporter of the defeated presidential candidate, Jose Vasconcelos, has been executed by Federal troops.—Reuter's American Service.

A motion that the publication of the names of members of the parish of residence of the intending to marry, should be refused to authorise the publication of the names of the members of the parish of residence of the intending to marry, was carried by the Church Assembly.—Reuter.

## CHINESE AT DAGGER'S DRAWN

QUEER WAY TO RECOVER  
A LOAN

RESULT OF POLICE RAID

That the frank admission of the defendant was rather unusual was the remark made by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he had before him an unemployed Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of a knife.

The defendant stated that a friend owed him some money for a long time, and since he was alone and his friend had others with him, he took the knife and wished to demand the money in that way.

According to Detective-Sergeant Fitches, the police received information at 2.15 p.m. yesterday to the effect that a gang of robbers were going to meet in the ground floor of 5 Portland-street, and that there would be guns and other dangerous implements there.

Under Sergeant Fitches a body of police went to the place and entered the rear cubicle, which was an opium den and there found some of the men smoking opium, while the defendant was sitting down.

The men were taken out, and the cubicle searched, but no guns or rifles were found but only an old knife.

The knife produced in Court was a sharp steel butcher's knife.

Detective-Sergeant Fitches pointed out that no doubt these men intended to commit a robbery at some time.

The Magistrate held that the defendant's own statement was very much against him as even if he did want to collect money, he had no right to carry the knife with him, although he might have needed it for self-defence.

The knife was found concealed on the defendant's girdle.  
A fine of \$250 with the alternative of three months' hard labour was imposed, while the dagger was ordered to be confiscated.

## DANGEROUS ROADS

Driver Fined \$25 For  
Negligence

That the bends on the Taipo Road towards the reservoir were terribly dangerous was the observation made by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the Chinese driver of a public car was summoned for negligent driving.

Traffic Sergeant Clarke stated that he was going uphill to the reservoir, while the defendant came down, and at one of the blind bends the defendant suddenly reared round on his wrong side of the road, without hooting his horn.

Sergeant Clarke said it was lucky that both were travelling dead slow, otherwise, there would have been a bad smash.

His Worship agreed that the situation was a serious one, and imposed a fine of \$25.

## TARIFF TRUCE

The Dominions Not To  
Participate

Geneva, Yesterday.  
The Governments of India, Australia, and South Africa have expressed their inability to participate in the tariff truce conference.—Reuter.

## EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/7 1/2
Bank, on demand	1/7 13/16
Bank, 80 days' sight	1/7 13/16
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand	102 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	102 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	102 1/2
On New York—	
On demand	40 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	42
On Bombay—	
Wire	110 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	110 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	71
On Madras—	
On demand	80 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	75 1/2
80 days' sight	75 1/2
On Hankow—	75 1/2
On Canton—	75 1/2
On Peking—	75 1/2
On Tientsin—	75 1/2
On Harbin—	75 1/2
On Manchuria—	75 1/2
On Korea—	75 1/2
On Japan—	75 1/2
On Australia—	75 1/2
On New Zealand—	75 1/2
On South Africa—	75 1/2
On India—	75 1/2
On Ceylon—	75 1/2
On Hong Kong—	75 1/2
On Shanghai—	75 1/2
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On Japan—	75 1/2
On Australia—	75 1/2
On New Zealand—	75 1/2
On South Africa—	75 1/2
On India—	75 1/2
On Ceylon—	75 1/2
On Hong Kong—	75 1/2

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## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 20th December, 1929.

Stock.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Norm	Dividend.
<b>Banks.</b>					
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	1830	...	\$3 Int. 1929
Chartered Bank (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	123	...	7 1/2 Int. 1929
Chartered Bank (A.S.)	...	...	181	...	20 1/2 Int. 1929
Do. C.	...	...	152	...	8 Int. 1929
Bank of Asia	...	...	36	...	8 Int. 1928
<b>Insurance.</b>					
Canton Ins.	...	...	605	...	\$40 [Final 1927]
Union Ins.	358	...	...	...	\$2 [Final 1927]
Yangtze Ins.	100	...	...	...	\$2 Int. 1928
China Underwriters	...	330	...	...	\$18 [Final 1927]
China Fire Ins.	...	...	...	...	\$18 Int. 1928
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	...	...	43 Int. 1927
<b>Shipping.</b>					
Douglas	...	...	...	...	25 1/2 4 Int. 1924
H. K. Steamships	27 1/2	...	...	...	12 Int. 1929
Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...	...	45 12 for 1924 6 1/2 - 1025 6 1/2
(Def.)	...	...	...	...	70
Shell Transport	...	...	...	...	95 1/2 Int. 1928
Union Waterboats	...	...	...	...	22 1.50 1928
<b>Mining.</b>					
Benguet	...	...	...	...	0.25 1929
Kailan Mining Ad. s/	...	...	...	...	55 1/2 Int. 1929-30
Langkat (Con.)	...	...	...	...	12.50
(Single)	...	...	...	...	7 1/2 10.50 1928-29
S'hai Exploration	...	...	...	...	1.50
Loans	...	...	...	...	5 10.75 1928
Raubs	...	...	...	...	11.20 Int. 1/6 1929-30
Troch Mines	...	...	...	...	31 1/2 44 1/2 1928
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>					
H. K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	...	6 1928
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	...	4 1924
China Wharves	...	...	...	...	1.20 1924
Hongkong	...	...	...	...	73 Int. 1929
N. Engineering	...	...	...	...	7 1/2 0.40 1928
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...	100 7 1/2 1928-29
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>					
Ewo Cottons	...	...	...	...	14.40 10.40 Int. 1929
S'hai Cottons (old)	...	...	...	...	7 1/2 10.50 1929-30
(new)	...	...	...	...	11.25 10.50 1929-30
Zong Sing	...	...	...	...	5.10 10.50 1929-30
<b>Lands, Hotels &amp; Buildings.</b>					
H. K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	...	11.40 1.30 1924
H. K. Lands	...	...	...	...	6 1/2 1928
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...	161 13 Int. 1929
Humphreys	...	...	...	...	14 1 1928
H. K. Realities	...	...	...	...	7.00 0.80 Int. 1929
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...	98 4 1028-29
<b>Public Utilities.</b>					
H. K. Tramways	...	...	...	...	18.80 Int. 1929
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...	...	11 11.50 1928-29
(new)	...	...	...	...	0.05 0.50
Sue Ferries	...	...	...	...	201 8.50 1928
Ch. Light (old)	...	...	...	...	17.40 0.25 Int. 1928-29
(new)	...	...	...	...	17.10 0.25 Int. 1928-29
H. K. Electric	...	...	...	...	35 2.50 1928
Macton	...	...	...	...	29 0.10 Int. 1929
Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...	7.85 10.50 1928
H. K. Telephones	...	...	...	...	161 10.50 1928
China Buses	...	...	...	...	10 1 1928
S'hai Franchise (Ord. s/)	...	...	...	...	19 1 1928
(Prof. s/)	...	...	...	...	19 1 1928
<b>Industrials.</b>					
China Sugar	...	...	...	...	90 1/2 In liquidation
Malayan Sugar	...	...	...	...	11 1/2 1928
Cald. Macg. Ord. s/	...	...	...	...	11 1/2
Prof. s/	...	...	...	...	11 1/2
Canon Ice	...	...	...	...	18.80 19.50
Cementa (cons.)	...	...	...	...	101 0.30 1925
(old)	...	...	...	...	101 0.10 1925
(new)	...	...	...	...	7 1.35 1924
H. K. Ropes	...	...	...	...	7 1.35 1924
United Asbestos	...	...	...	...	5
<b>Stores, &amp;c.</b>					
Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	90 1.35 1928
Waiyoon	...	...	...	...	13 0.80 1927-28
Dei A Wing	...	...	...	...	90 0.50 1928-29
Lane Crawford	...	...	...	...	1.65 1.92 1928-29
Mackinnon	...	...	...	...	18 3 1928-29
Sincere	...	...	...	...	12 1 1928
Wm. Powell	...	...	...	...	94 0.35 1928-29
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>					
H. K. Amusement Prof. s/	...	...	...	...	28 1.50 1928-29
Do. Deferred	...	...	...	...	130
H. K. Constructions	...	...	...	...	130 0.95
B. Ind. C. & S. Bonds	...	...	...	...	44 1/2
H. K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...	44 1/2

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## LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday  
Paris 123 1/2  
New York 48 3/16  
Brussels 84 1/2  
Geneva 25 1/2  
Amsterdam 12 1/2  
Milan 98 1/2  
Berlin 20 1/2

## Stockholm

18.05  
Copenhagen 18.15  
Oslo 18.20  
Vienna 34.67  
Prague 18.43  
Helsinki 19.47  
Madrid 35.35  
Lyon 108.25  
Athens 87.5  
Bucharest 81.7  
Sofia 5 1/2  
Buenos Aires 4 1/2  
Bomby 1 1/2 25 1/2  
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## VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK

CAMP PAY READY

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, state:—

Camp Pay

All ranks of all units except No. 6 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday for issue of Camp pay. No. 6 Platoon will parade as directed by O/C Scottish Co. Cheques and pay lists have been issued to O/C. Units who are responsible that all ranks sign the pay lists.

Tactical Exercise

A field firing tactical exercise will be held at Fanning on Sunday January 19 (not on January 18 as previously discussed) in which the following units will take part. M.G. Troop, A.C. Co., M.G. Co., Scottish Co. Attendance to count as 2 parades or as 1 day in Camp.

Casuals

Table T. Machine Gun Part II.—All casuals in the above course will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday. Range Officers 2nd Lieut. A. Hutton Potts and 2nd Lieut. J. F. Wright. Dress—Musketry order, uniform or multi. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Table T. Rifle Part II.—All casuals in the above course will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, January 5. Range Officer Captain R. R. Davies. Dress—Musketry order, uniform or multi. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

All ranks who are casuals in either or both of the above mentioned courses are reminded that the firing of either or both of these

courses, where applicable, is one of the obligation of a Volunteer.

The Battery

December 20 to 22 Practice Camp at Tai Lam as previously notified. Transport will leave Kowloon Ferry to-day at 5.45 p.m. Dress—Tunic, shorts, greatcoats, helmet, puttees (tapes at the bottom) and bandolier.

Engineer Company

All members are advised that the Engineer Co. camp will be held at Lyeemun from Friday night, January 10 to Sunday night, January 12. Two nights in camp are necessary for efficiency and all members are requested to send in their names to O.C. Co. stating what period they are attending camp, as soon as possible.

There will be no parade on December 26.

Corps Signals

There will be no further parades until Monday, January 6.

Armoured Car Company

Car Section.—Parade at Headquarters to-day at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Motor Cycle Section.—Parade at Headquarters to-day at 5.30 p.m. for instructional ride.

Parades

No parades will be held at Headquarters from Tuesday to Thursday, January 2.

Machine Gun Company

There will be no further parades till Tuesday, January 7. Details later.

Scottish Company

Next parade will be held on Thursday, January 9. M.G. Instruction.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan M.B.E. No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

As from January 1 No. 5 (Talkoo) Platoon, owing to lack of members, will cease to exist as a platoon, and present members will be absorbed by and become part of No. 7 Platoon. Until sufficient members warrant instruction being given at the Dockyard, training will be carried out at Headquarters.

Portuguese Company

Company Commanders Parade.—The Company is expected to parade at Headquarters on Friday, January 3 at 5.30 p.m. as strong as possible. Dress—Optional, Rifle and Bayonet, Belt and Pouches.

A circular re-combined Naval and Military operation on January 15 in which the Company have been invited to participate by H.E. The G. O. C. Commanding The British Troop in China will be issued to all ranks early next week.

Musketry Badges

Table T. Part II Rifle.—No. 21 L/Serg. J. C. Goodman with score of 107 has been awarded the badge Crown and Crossed Rifles in Wreath as the best shot of Sergeants and Lance Sergeants. No. 999 Pte. K. C. McLennan with score of 106 has been awarded the badge Star and Crossed Rifles in Wreath as the best shot of Corporals and Privates.

Transfer

Cpl. Greig W. to be transferred from No. 6 Platoon to Reserve Company, Scottish Section, as from 19.11.29.

No. 294 Pte. McKelvie, J. to be transferred from No. 6 Platoon to Reserve Company, Scottish Section, as from 5.12.29.

Resignation

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps. No. 694 Pte. D. Ogilvie, M.G. Troop, from 7.11.29 (on medical ground).

No. 1457 Pte. R. W. D. Danby, No. 4 Platoon, from 15.11.29.

Leave

No. 1215 Pte. A. M. da Luz, No. 12 Platoon, from 6.11.29 to 6.1.1930 (sick leave).

No. 411 C. S. M. Lee Jones, R. W. having returned from leave and re-joined for duty, the unexpired portion of his leave is cancelled.

Promotion

The following will take effect from date.

No. 1426 L/Serg. F. Baker, Headquarters, to be Sergeant.

No. 322 Drmt. R. B. Bell, No. 5 Platoon, to be L/Cpl.

No. 1814 Pte. A. Chapman, No. 5 Platoon, to be L/Cpl.

(Sgd.) R. A. Wolffe-Murray, Major Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

While the conditions in certain cases might be much better than had been represented he would like to invite special attention to the general conditions, and earnestly urged girls intending to go abroad to engagements of this kind to inform themselves as fully as possible of the condition under which they would have to work.

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## OFFICIAL AMAZED AT FOREIGNERS

"RIDICULOUS TO THINK OF RE-LEASING SHANGHAI"

"NOT SERIOUS"

Nanking, Yesterday.

The attention of a high official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was called to the plan of Mr. Morrison, published in the "China Press," Shanghai, on December 8, with reference to the proposal for the re-leasing of Shanghai. The said official was "amazed" to find there still were certain foreigners in China who were unable to see the general trend of Nationalist China.

Sovereign Rights

It was remarked by the Foreign Office spokesman, "The Chinese people and Government now more than ever are exerting their best effort in regaining Chinese sovereign rights and are on the road to re-occupation of concessions, settlements and leased territories.

It is more than ridiculous for any body even to think of creating another leasehold on one of the most important ports in China. It is believed that even foreigners are not taking this proposition in any serious way." He deplored that sort of proposition should be at all publicly circulated. — Canton News Agency.

## LURE OF ASIA

Pitfalls For Girls In The East

As was shortly indicated in an occasional note recently, word of warning to girls contemplating the acceptance of theatrical engagements in the Far East as dancers has been issued by the Australian Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. A. Blakeley), who emphasised the pitfalls to which artists were likely to be subjected.

The following message from Canberra (dated Nov. 3), from an Australian paper, gives fuller information on the subject:—

The Minister for Home Affairs stated that reports had been brought to his notice that the engagement in Australia or New Zealand of a troupe of girls to appear as dancers in a certain city in the Far East was contemplated.

As a consequence he had been looking into the passport facilities, which came within the scope of his department, and he had been going through a number of official reports on this subject.

He thought it most necessary that any person contemplating an engagement as a dancer or a vaudeville artist in centres in the Far East should be made aware of the difficulty and the temptations to which they were likely to be exposed.

The position of British artists who contracted to appear as dancers or in vaudeville turns in any but the most reputable theatres in the East was likely, at times, to be most undignified in relation to native audiences.

British residents felt keenly the necessity for avoiding anything which would lower the dignity and prestige of British white people in the eyes of the natives.

From the reports in his department it would appear, said Mr. Blakeley, that in some cases white dancers had appeared in side shows of carnivals performing on small stages before small audiences.

While the actual work of the dancers might be in accordance with their professions, the tawdriness of the enclosure and the type of persons in the audience, often mere curiosity seekers from the country, made the occupations most undignified.

Frequently, in these Eastern places, he was informed, the owners of the side-shows made the dancers exhibit themselves on platforms outside the side shows, designed to draw the multitude. This course was rendered especially undignified owing to the nature of the surroundings.

While the conditions in certain cases might be much better than had been represented he would like to invite special attention to the general conditions, and earnestly urged girls intending to go abroad to engagements of this kind to inform themselves as fully as possible of the condition under which they would have to work.

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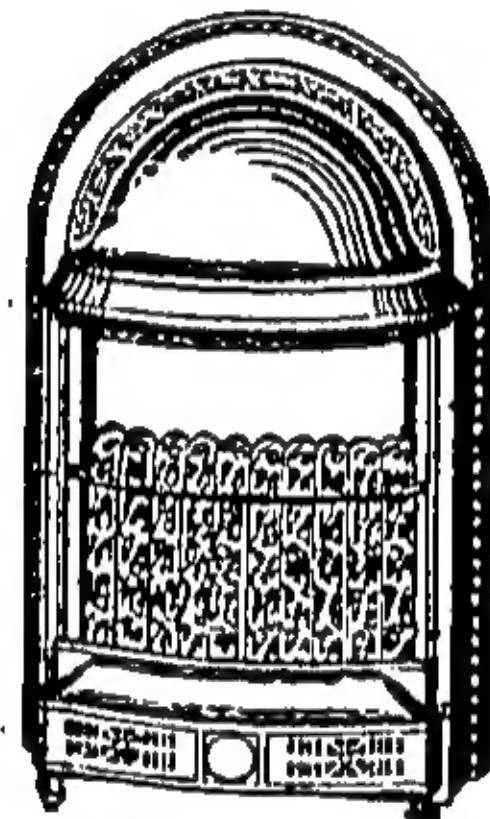
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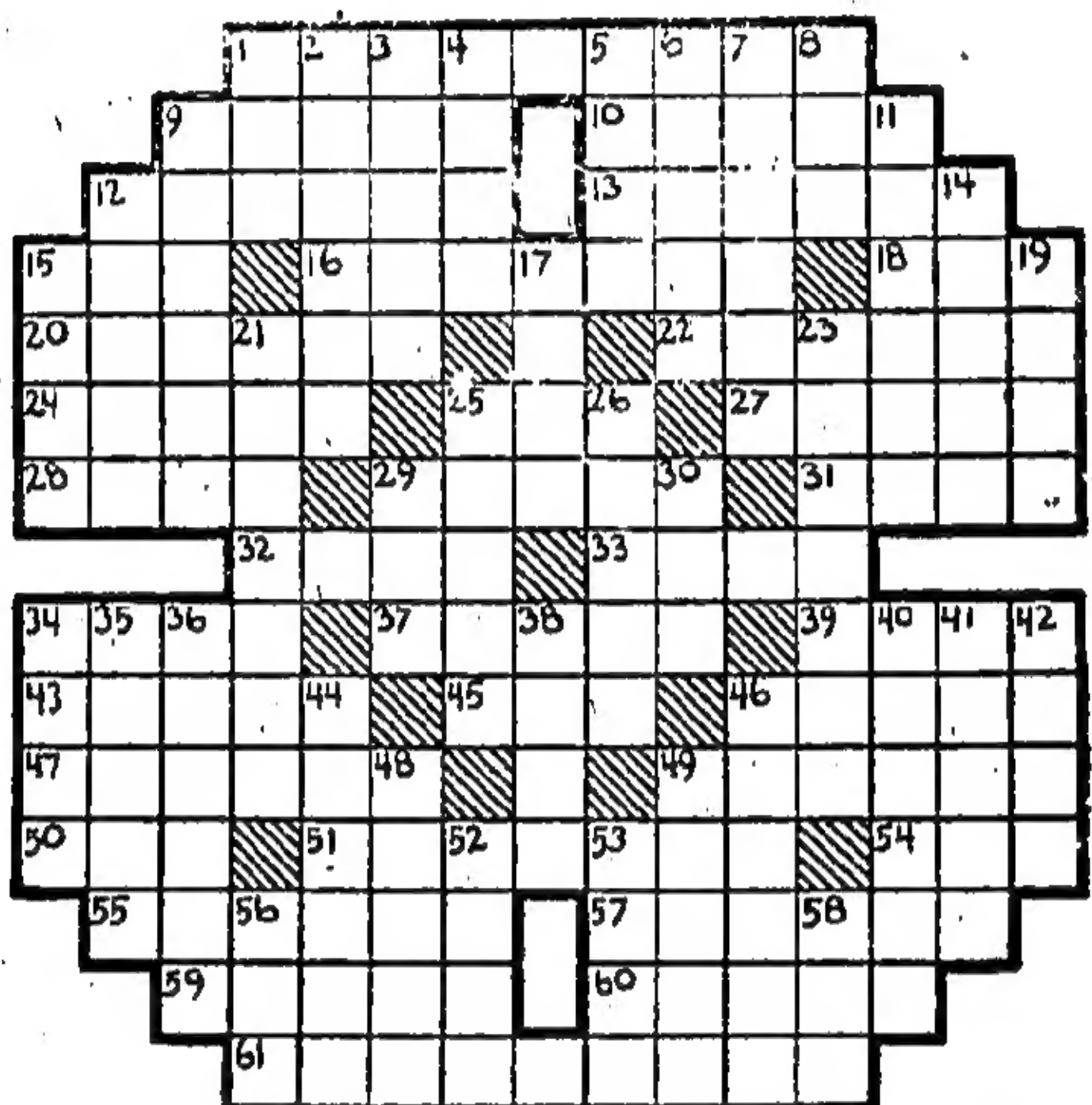
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This crossword puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



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|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                              | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b>                       | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>                    |
| 1-Private vessel licensed to seize enemy ships | 49-Narrow Mexican blanket                       | 15-Gem                                     |
| 9-Chief                                        | 50-Refuge                                       | 17-Image                                   |
| 10-Derived from oil                            | 51-Containers made of plaited flexible material | 19-Formerly                                |
| 12-Lobe of the ear                             | 54-Incise                                       | 21-Implement for rubbing out marks         |
| 13-Widely                                      | 55-Cutting into two parts                       | 23-Drawer of liquor                        |
| 15-Over (Post)                                 | 57-More consulted                               | 25-The whole                               |
| 16-Creek letter                                | 58-The same                                     | 26-Last color                              |
| 18-Three (Italian)                             | 60-Terminated                                   | 28-Taste                                   |
| 20-Apparent                                    | 61-Was cast down in spirits                     | 30-Set free                                |
| 22-More soaked                                 |                                                 | 32-Small South                             |
| 24-Declares                                    |                                                 | 34-American rodent                         |
| 25-Summit                                      |                                                 | 35-Wide-mouthed water jugs                 |
| 27-Glens                                       |                                                 | 38-Placed in order                         |
| 28-Feminine name                               | <b>VERTICAL</b>                                 | 39-Intense physical suffering              |
| 29-Pertaining to the sun                       | 1-Pulp of fruit                                 | 40-Subsided                                |
| 31-Nuisance                                    | 2-Matures                                       | 41-One afflicted with serious skin disease |
| 32-Action at law                               | 3-Not suitable                                  | 42-Ball of yarn                            |
| 33-Falsely                                     | 4-Former soldiers (abbr.)                       | 43-Argus                                   |
| 34-French for "father"                         | 5-Wild duck                                     | 44-Dwell                                   |
| 37-Reduced                                     | 6-Joint                                         | 45-Raves                                   |
| 39-Suspense                                    | 7-Merited                                       | 46-Bs firm                                 |
| 43-Decision                                    | 8-River (Spanish)                               | 47-Repairs                                 |
| 45-Boy                                         | 9-Animal akin to weasel                         | 53-Level                                   |
| 46-Rise against authority                      | 11-Cows                                         | 55-Chief (Spanish)                         |
| 47-Increase burner                             | 12-Depart                                       | 58-Boy's familiar name                     |
|                                                | 14-Suffers (Scottish)                           |                                            |

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.  
(The solution of the above crossword puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new crossword puzzle.)

## WOMAN SHOT DEAD

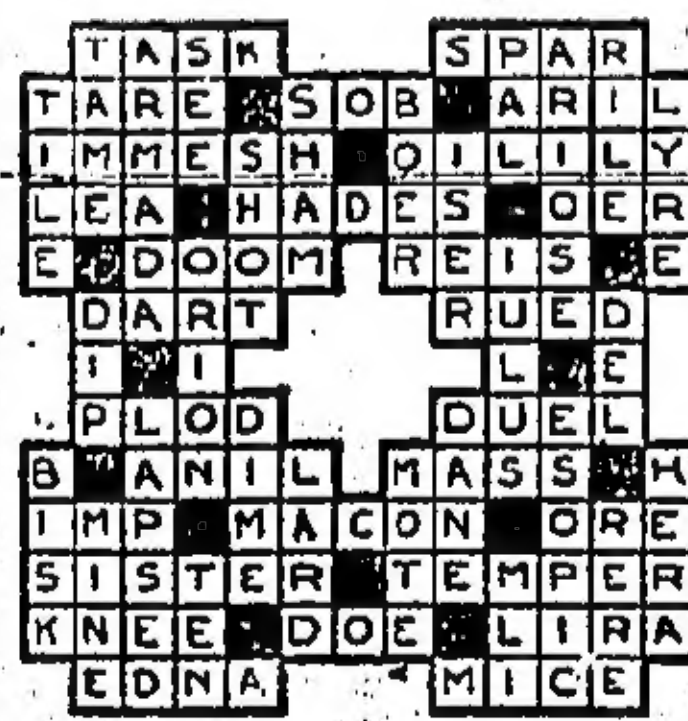
### Prohibition Agent's Duel On A Car

Herington (Kansas).—Mrs. Horton, an attractive woman of thirty-five, who was suspected of rum-running, was shot dead as she and a companion were attempting to escape in a motor-car laden with whisky.

The Sheriff and his men had been waiting for the car by a lonely house on the outskirts of the city, and when it arrived ordered it to halt. The driver accelerated, but the Sheriff jumped on to the running-board. Mrs. Horton whipped out a revolver and poked it into the Sheriff's ribs, ordering him to jump or be shot. By this time the car was travelling at a great speed and was being pursued by police cars and private motorists.

The woman, however, was not anxious to carry out her threat, and so the Sheriff was carried on to the public library, when she gave him another warning. The Sheriff, however, shot, killed the woman, and then, pointing the revolver at the driver, said: "Get the car." The driver stopped and was immediately arrested.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## STANDARD TIMES

### Sunrise and Sunset In Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

December	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
20	6.55	5.43
21	6.53	5.44
22	6.50	5.44
23	6.50	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.46
26	7.01	5.46
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.02	5.48
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.03	5.49
31	7.03	5.49

# Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

## UP FROM NOWHERE

(By Dorothy Herzog)  
Two years ago, a couple of song writing lads pooled \$250 and opened up for business in Tin Pan Alley. Last month, Famous Players purchased their music publishing firm for \$125,000 cash. In addition, the boys retain a healthy ten per cent. interest in the profits. Said boys being Sam Coslow and Larry Spier. Coslow was also given a five-year Famous contract. So it looks like three squares for him.

Sam Coslow is twenty-six. At the time he and Spier started musical shop, they collaborated on a song called "Was It a Dream." They plugged it. A large publishing house, however, recognized rich possibilities in the song and purchased it for \$50,000. That put the boys on their feet. That and more successes. They've kept their financial balance ever since.

It was Coslow who wrote supplementary music to the original Rudolph Friml Melodies in Famous' two million dollar all colour production of "The Vagabond King." His "If I Were a King" melody runs throughout the vocaloid and is possibly one reason for the five-year contract.

## MARY PHILBIN

The long engagement of Mary Philbin and Paul Kohner, Universal exec., has come to an abrupt and perhaps unexpected end. It was only a few weeks ago that Kohner returned from an extended business sojourn in Germany. But the engagement had survived absence. Survived, to all appearances. Until—

Paul arrived at Mary's home one eve to be told she was out with friends. Love is funny. So Kohner stuck around to see for himself, and, according to the yarn relayed to this bureau, saw Miss Philbin return accompanied by "Big Boy" Williams.

Came the inevitable show-down. That being a strictly two-some affair, I can only report that Mary admitted she didn't feel so enthusiastic about her engagement, that, to Paul, apparently made it mutual. Mary returned his ring. Finale.

## EASTWARD HO!

Janet MacDonald is headed East. Purpose, to attend to business matters. When Miss MacDonald trailed to Hollywood to leading woman opposite Maurice Chevalier in "The Love Parade," she expected to stay for only the one picture. She was kept for the Dennis King operetta, "Vagabond King." She was then assigned to co-star with James Hall in "Let's Go Native." But 'twill be a lil' while ere this reeler goes into production, so Miss MacDonald bee-lined out of town on the double quick before minds could change. Hall Skelly got as far as New York on a two weeks' leave of absence, only to receive a wire that same day ordering him home for re-takes!

## CLAUDE KINGS

The Claude Kings put one over when they very agreeably and with many a news-line filed divorce papers. They continue to be excellent friends. They dine together frequently and go places but they are keeping separate roofs. Mr. King has taken a test for the role of the colonel in "Journey's End." Mrs. King recently finished a local stage engagement.



Nora White, musical comedy prima donna, will appear in a Los Angeles court where she is made defendant by her husband in an ejectment suit. They were married on July 22nd and separated four days later.

## LUCKY BREAK

Ernst Lubitsch and his wife were honour guests at a party given at the Russian Club, of which Michael Vavitch is the head man. As a courtesy to Lubitsch, practically every prominent Russian actor and singer in town showed. An impromptu entertainment was given.

Among those to volunteer was Mrs. Fagel Panitz. She sang, accompanied by her daughter, Sylvia. So impressive was her singing that a Universal-ite present, got her telephone number. The next day or so, she received a call from the studio and went out to make a test. Purpose: to appear in John Murray Anderson's Paul Whiteman Revue. What the outcome is, this Bureau hasn't learned, but at all events this is merely another instance of how one gets movie breaks in this break-seeking town.

## CLARA BOW

Clara Bow and Harry Richman suddenly came to the end of Harmony Lane a few weeks ago. Their quarrel, whatever it may have concerned, did not become Colony property. Chiefly because Clara stayed to hum and Richman was busy on his picture. But quarrel they did. Only to make it up 'tother eve. This matrimonial sheet, however, advises heavy odds against the marriage of these two. Subject to change without apology.

## A NEW ROMANCE

This bureau announces a new romance. Party of the first part: Barbara Kent, youthful ingenue who heroined for Harold Lloyd in "Welcome Danger"; party of the second part: Paul Fayos, the director.

It looks powerfully serious. Miss Kent is a frequent visitor on Fayos' "Marselles" set at Universal. And they have that much to discuss. Yes, it looks serious. Miss Kent would be a newcomer in matrimony. I believe Fayos was married before.

## Noted Opera Star To Wed Prince



Mary McCormick, noted opera star, who is said to have contracted the report that she would marry Prince, says she has broken off the match. The man, who has been married, is Prince's brother. Although admitting the rumour, Mary McCormick is reported to have denied that she had broken off the match to save her title before the marriage takes place.

## CHARLES ROGERS

### Career Of Paramount Star

Charles Rogers was born in Olathe, Kansas, early in the twentieth century. He attended the local schools and the University of Kansas where he studied for three years. He was one of the fortunate applicants to the Paramount School of acting and after a preliminary groundwork in the mechanics of acting and make-up, Rogers, with fifteen other youngsters was cast in a picture titled "Fascinating Youth."

So well did he shape up in this production that Paramount signed him to a long term contract giving him featured roles in such pictures as "Wings," in which he contributed an outstanding performance, "Get Your Man" and "Red Hair," the latter two productions opposite Clara Bow. In addition the Paramount company loaned him to Mary Pickford for a leading role in her picture, "My Best Girl."

Returning to Paramount he was assigned a featured role in Anne Nichols' "Able's Irish Rose." As a result of his performance he was awarded a starring contract with Paramount. Rogers' recent pictures include "Varsity," "Someone to Love" and "Close Harmony."

Charles Rogers is 6 feet tall, weighs 175 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.

## MAKING GOOD

When John Rizzo was a University of California student he suffered an accident that deprived him of the use of his left arm for life. He studied law, but he hankered for a histrionic career. So in due course to New York he debuted on the stage via musical comedies. Recently he hit to Hollywood to sample the cinema. And it was his unfortunate left arm that got him his fortunate chance.

Director John Cromwell selected Rizzo to play the role of Tony, a newsboy and the pivotal character in William Powell's initial starring vehicle. Cromwell had taken tests of sundry Italian youths before deciding on Rizzo. Johnny's arm, plus his ability, landed him the part and flugging from the favourable comments on the lot Cromwell's choice was a happy one.

## DOUG, JUN.

Speaking of Universal, there's a report circulating that Directors Lewis Milestone and George Kukor are anxious to sign Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., to play the lead. Corking good part, whoever gets it. A few names have been added to the cast, including Ben Alexander, Philip Holmes, and Billy Bakewell. Ben Alexander is an ex-boy star making good in his adolescence without the courtesy of Hartschaft and Marx.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.	
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Straits	Hakusan Maru
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Manila	President Cleveland
Japan	Manila Maru
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Japan	Tango Maru
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.	
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Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru

## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.	
Manila	Chinese Prince 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Malwa (Due Marseilles, Jan. 17, 1930.)

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Parcels ... Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels ... Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
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Letters ... 10 a.m.	Letters ... 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.	
Calcutta via Straits	Mausang 8.30 a.m.
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Shanghai and Japan	Khiva 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Calcutta via Straits	Canton 2.30 p.m.
Straits	Cyclops 2.30 p.m.
Manila	President Madison 4.30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Hokoh, Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	Borneo 5 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jebson 5 p.m.
Japan and S. American Ports	Anyo Maru 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Europe via Siberia	Anyo Maru
Amoy	Registration ... Dec. 21, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Letters ... 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25.	
Amoy	Anting 5 p.m.
Amoy	Kanchow 8.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.	
Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	Promiss 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Haiphong via Swatow	Kiangchow 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing On 2 p.m.

## MANSLAUGHTER OF A WOMAN ALLEGED

POLICE SERGEANT AGAIN FACES SERIOUS CHARGES

"GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM"

Shantung Police Sergeant Pi Shih-hsu, charged on two counts of (1) manslaughter of a Chinese woman whom he was alleged to have kicked in the stomach; and (2) causing her grievous bodily harm, made a fourth appearance at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. E. W. Hamilton fixed hearing of the case for 2.15 p.m., on Monday.

Mr. L. R. Andrews, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution whilst the accused was represented by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall.

### Grievous Harm

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Andrews said that he proposed to withdraw the manslaughter charge and proceed only with the one of grievous bodily harm. He explained that he had a communication from the doctor to the effect that as the result of the post mortem examination of the woman it was found that death was due to pneumonia, and there was no reason to say that she had died of the effects of injury, if any.

Mr. Hamilton then suggested taking the case summarily, and both Mr. Andrews and Mr. Rendall agreed.

Mr. Andrews then applied for the woman's dying deposition, but Mr. Rendall objected, pointing out that it was supposed to be sealed until brought into Court.

Mr. Hamilton: Sealed and locked in the Magistrate's safe. On what authority are you applying for its production, Mr. Andrews?

Mr. Andrews: On the authority of practice. It is usual for us to have it to produce as evidence.

### The Depositions

His Worship said that as the depositions were to be produced as evidence he did not see why Mr. Andrews should not have it, at the same time if this allowance was going to be made to Mr. Andrews it should be extended to Mr. Rendall also.

Mr. Andrews: Mr. Rendall was present at the taking of the depositions.

The Magistrate decided to allow both parties to take copies of the depositions.

Accused was remanded on the same bail of \$250 cash and two sureties of \$50 each.

Wheat prices have dropped as the result of the glut of imports from the Argentine. This, it is hoped, will lead to a further reduction in the price of bread.

## DEATHROLL OF RIOTS IN NIGERIA

WAR CANOES AND LOOTERS DISPERSED BY TROOPS

MANY CASUALTIES

London, Yesterday.

Further details of the Nigerian riots received in London give the death roll at Opobo. Twenty troops of the West African Frontier Force arrived in town just in time to prevent the mob from looting warehouses and the railway station. The rioters endeavoured to snatch rifles from the soldiers, who were finally ordered to fire. The mob then dispersed, leaving many casualties. The number of wounded is not yet known, but apparently there were no casualties among the troops. Order is now restored.

The administrative authorities, who conducted an enquiry, believe that the decision of the officer in ordering the troops to fire was the only possible course in the circumstances. Factories have now reopened and the troops withdrawn, police being in control. The authorities do not think there will be a recurrence of the rioting.

Chief Released

There were a large number of war canoes lying in the river in which the rioters evidently intended to carry off the loot. After driving off the canoes and dispersing the mob, the troops went to the native quarter and released the Chieftain Mark Repple Jaja, who had been seized by the rioters. Jaja is a member of the Nigerian legislative Council.—Reuter.

### FRESH AND FINE

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The northern portion of the anti-cyclone is moving eastward, leaving a separate anti-cyclone central over N. China. Depressions are shown to the Loochoos and to the south of Guam. Fresh monsoon prevails along the S. E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—Northerly winds; fresh; fine.

## ACCUSED'S \$2,000 BAIL ESTREATED

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLING FIRM'S MONEY

TOOK BOAT TO CANTON?

At the Central Magistracy this morning a case was mentioned in which a Chinese named Chan Hang-po, alias Chan Cheong, described as the manager of the King Fook Wo firm, of 66, Bonham Strand East, is charged on three counts of embezzlement of three sums of money which he had collected on behalf of the firm. The dates of the offences and the amounts involved are as under:—

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All the money was alleged to have been received by the accused from the Fook Fu firm.

The complainant in the case was a Chinese woman named Chan Ching-shi, a partner of the King Fook Wo firm, and she was represented in Court by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks.

### Accused Absent

When the case was called the accused did not appear.

Mr. Brooks explained that he had been released on bail of \$2,000 yesterday and warned to attend Court at 9 o'clock to-day. In view of the accused's absence Mr. Brooks asked that his bail of \$2,000 be estreated.

His Worship decided to let the case stand over until after he had dealt with small cases on his list.

At 10.20 a.m., the accused's name was again called and he was still absent. Accordingly, Mr. Hamilton ordered the accused's bail to be estreated and issued a new warrant for the man's arrest, remarking "it is possible he went to Canton by the night boat."

### The Defalcations

Mr. Brooks: Yes, that is very probable.

Then Mr. Brooks made an application for the return of the King Fook Wo firm's books which have been turned over to the Police for the purpose of the case. He explained that the books were required to try to trace further defalcations by the accused.

The Magistrate directed that the application be made to the Police, as he was not concerned with the books.

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